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A look at the four-member team that will be representing American Samoa at the 2-day Tri-Nation Championship in independent Samoa later this week. The event is part of the preparations for the Pacific Mini Games set to be held in Vanuatu next month. See today's sports section for details.

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## Prison escapee faces 34 years in jail for repeat violations

**"THE ONLY FAMILY HE HAS ARE THE INMATES IN JAIL," SAYS KRUSE**

by Ausage Fausia  
Samoa News Reporter

Chief Justice Michael Kruse has given the government and defense attorneys a 2-month timeframe to come up with a thoughtful plan on what the court should do to finalize Joeita Fa'aaliga's case.

Fa'aaliga appeared before the High Court last Friday for a Deposition Hearing, pursuant to an order to show cause issued by the Probation Office in regards to his two most recent criminal cases that came before the court a few months ago.

Both are cases that happened while the defendant is serving time in the Territorial Correctional Facility (TCF).

Fa'aaliga, an overstayer from Samoa, who entered the territory on a 30-day visitor's permit, is serving a 12-year straight sentence at the Territorial Correctional Facility.

If the court revokes his probation, he's looking at serving a total of 34 years behind bars.

It was revealed during last week's hearing that for his first case in 2013, Fa'aaliga was convicted of first degree burglary and second degree burglary — both felonies, and he was ordered by the court to serve a 40-month detention, as a condition of a 7-year probation sentence.

For his second case in 2014, Fa'aaliga was convicted of felony stealing, and was ordered to serve 28 months, as a condition of a 7-year probated sentence. The 28 months was to be served consecutively with his 40-month sentence.

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## Local procurement bidding process is defective, says local attorney

**CONTRACT FOR AIRPORT PROJECT RAISES RED FLAGS — FEDERAL REGS OR LOCAL MANDATE?**

by Blue Chen-Fruean  
Samoa News Correspondent

Paramount Builders has been awarded the contract for the "Pago Pago International Airport Apron Rehabilitation Phase II - Construction Project" to the tune of \$9.8 million.

But according to the Procurement Office, the award and subsequent execution of the contract is contingent on the submission of a 100% performance bond and a 100% payment bond from a US Dept. of Treasury Circular 570 approved surety.

A week ago Saturday was the deadline given to Paramount Builders to come up with a 100% performance bond and 100% payment bond for the project.

Samoa News has confirmed that Paramount met the deadline for both requirements — each bond at 100% of the \$9.8M contract price — meaning the project is now guaranteed by 200%

But the requirements have led to local attorney Roy J.D. Hall Jr., counsel for Paramount Builders, to ask pointed questions.

According to an Oct. 14th letter to Chief Procurement Officer Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, Counsel Hall contends that Procurement has "failed" to provide any legal authority to support the position that the surety bond MUST be issued by an insurer listed in Circular 570, and that the use of the Circular 570 is a federal requirement, not an ASG mandate.

He claims that no legal authority was provided by Procurement to support their statements, and said if this is the position of the ASG Procurement Office, then they need to provide him with a list of insurers — listed in Circular 570 — that are licensed to do business in American Samoa.

"My concern is that none of these Circular 570 insurers are licensed in American Samoa by the ASG Insurance Commissioner, as required by law," Hall wrote.

He referred to local law pertaining to the ASG Insurance Act, which states in part that "no person may transact insurance in American Samoa as an insurer without a certificate of authority issued by the Commissioner, and when the certificate is issued, that person may not transact any class of insurance which is not specifically authorized by his certificate."

According to Hall, 'conditions of contract' specifically provides that the bonds shall be issued by a solvent surety, which is certified to operate within the state/country the project work is located and is listed in the current issue of the US Treasury Circular 570.

This means the insurers listed in the Circular 570 must be certified to operate where the project is located — in this case, American Samoa.

The question then becomes, "How are off island companies that are insured in countries other than American Samoa able to secure contract awards if their insurer is not certified to

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Leone High School's Green Club presented last week to its cancer cause/charity recipient Mrs. Filisa Ching-Sam of Vailoa, an alumna of LHS - Class of 1988, a monetary donation of \$800.00 to assist and help alleviate costs and expenses associated with her treatments and battle against cancer.

Ching-Sam undergoes treatment in Seattle, WA

LHS partners and donors who contributed to the cause include Zumba with Erica & Peteru (Erica Afalava-Maugalei, Peteru Lam Yuen, Monica Afalava); American Samoa Community Cancer Coalition (Va'a Tofaeono, Salote Aoelua-Fanene); Department of Health (Moirra Wright, Anaise Uso, Leiema Hunt); Usomoni Printing (Star Lotulelei); Island Business Center; and Seine Enesi & Makerita Enesi

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## Good news for beer importers: Governor vetoes beer tax amendment

**HIS VETOES INCLUDES THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga says there are “several reasons” why he vetoed Fono approved legislation, which amends provisions of the current 5% miscellaneous tax.

He further noted in his Oct. 30th letter to Fono leaders, after explaining why had vetoed the bill that “it may be necessary to adopt cost containment measures not unlike those adopted in FY 2017 and we hope to the extent that it is necessary that the Fono will join us in our efforts.”

The Administration’s bill called for among other things, a repeal of the 5% miscellaneous excise tax over a period of time, establishment of a new non-carbonated sugary drinks

tax; amends beer tax to volume, not value; and amends tax on importing secondhand items (such as used cars).

However, the Fono amended certain provisions of the bill including the hiking of the miscellaneous excise tax from 5% to 8%.

Samoa News understands that before the governor made the final decision on this legislation, it went through a review by the ASG Revenue Task Force, which recommended the legislation as well as four other revenue measures submitted by the Administration.

In his letter to Fono leaders, the governor pointed out that the revenue measures submitted by the administration “were intended, in a coordinated manner, to build a strong foundation for funding the cost of government operations and special programs in to the future.”

This included both revenue enhancement measures to shore up government finances and individual relief measures intended to put more spending dollars in consumer hands, he said, adding that collectively, the proposed bills were intended to be read in conjunction with one another and not as separate, stand alone proposals.

Lolo expressed appreciation to the Fono for their support in the administration’s changes to the existing secondhand items taxes and establishment of the tax on sugary non-carbonated beverages.

But, Lolo said in passing the measure — as amended by lawmakers — the “Fono failed to recapture sufficient revenues from the increase from 5% to 8% in the excise tax on miscellaneous items to offset the deletion of the proposed sales tax.”

(Samoa News notes that both the Senate and House have tabled for future consideration and review, the administration’s proposed 7% sales tax, which includes provision that repeals the 2% wage tax.)

Several earmarks from the proposed sales tax were not carried forward to the increased excise tax, or in the case of the earmark for repairs and renovations for schools, not spelled out clearly enough to avoid confusion, according to the governor.

“We are also concerned with this [excise tax] bill having an immediate effective date,” said Lolo, noting that the bill increases the excise tax “on our importers by 60% with no grace period for them with respect to goods already ordered or on the water. They should be given the opportunity to plan for the increased costs associated with the higher rate of tax.”

According to Lolo, part of building for the future involves amending the individual tax

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### EKALESIA FEAGAIGA FOU MAFUTAGA A TINA LAUMUA I FAGALELE OTTOVILLE, TAFUNA

## FA'AFETAI! FA'AFETAI! FA'AFETAI TELE LAVA!

Avea ia lenei avanoa fa'aauro, e momoli atu ai agaga faafetai o lo matou Tina o le Galuega, Faletua ia Matalasi Ta'amu, Tina Ta'ita'i, Ofisa, ma le mamalu o lenei Mafutaga a Tina O Le Ekalesia, Feagaiga Fou. Fa'afetai i le tamaoiga e ala i la outou foa'i tupe sa fesoasoani ai a'o matou fa'atalauala atu aua le totogiina o Nofoa o lo matou Malumalu Tapua'i. O se miti na oloolo pitovaa ai i le tele o aso ma tausaili se laolao a'o ni mo'omo'oga i le fia fai mea sili mo Le Atua ma lana Galuega. Ua tini lau o le faamoemoe, e pei o Upu i Faiva o Vai. O fa'amanuiga mai Le Atua Pulepule Tetele e ala i a matou Paaga, Uo, Au Meamamae, aemaise nai Aiga Pele, ua fa'amaeaina ai le totogiina o Nofoa o le Malumalu Tapua'i, a'o se viiga e faafo'i i le Tupu Silisili. O le saafi a Ruta ina ua agalelei se tasi ia te ia, “Ia totogi Le Ali'i i lau galuega, ia tu'uina ai ia te oe se tau'i tele mai Le Ali'i, Le Atua o Isaraelu, ua e sau e fa'atuatua i lalo o ona apaau.” Aua nei ia tei tatou, aua nei ia tei tatou, a ia tuuina atu le viiga i Le Atua e le aunoa.

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# Increase of Port fees and wharfage charges signed into law

ALSO SIGNS 1% ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS MINIMUM TAX (AMBT) LEGISLATION

by Fili Sagapolutele  
Samoa News Correspondent

An increase in port fees and wharfage charges went into effect on Oct. 30th, which is when Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga signed into law legislation passed by the Fono. And two officials in the private sector expect that these new hikes will start affecting consumer goods either later this month or early next month, in the midst of local holiday shopping.

In signing the bill into law, Lolo informed Fono leaders that port fees have not been changed in over 30 years, during which time the costs of maintenance, equipment, human resources and services have increased dramatically.

“As a part of the administration’s overall revenue enhancement initiative, increasing port fees to a more realistic level, much closer in line with other ports in the Pacific region, will help put the government on a more sound financial position for which I am grateful,” he wrote and thanked the Fono for approving the measure (which is of the five revenue bills submitted by the governor to the Fono). The only change the Fono made to the this measure was deleting the provision which requires the Port Administration director to review port fees and charges every five years.

Lawmakers — as well as senior officials of the private sector who either testified or submitted written letters to the Fono — believe that one person making decisions on port fees was not appropriate. However, ASG witnesses had explained that any proposed fee increase is subject to regulatory review, which includes public hearings.

Private sector senior executives had also testified or provided written statement to the Fono opposing the increases because such hikes would in the end be passed on to consumers, who would then spend less.

Senior officials of two local businesses told Samoa News last week that they believe the new increases will “seriously” affect holiday shopping, especially for any shipments that came arrived in Pago Pago after Oct. 30th.

Before the new increases went into effect, ASG collected about \$4.55 million annually on port fees and charges, according to the ASG Revenue Task Force data presented to the Fono in July. Under the new law, ASG is estimated to collect over \$2.55 million in new revenue every year (or a total of \$7.11 million annually). The governor’s letter to the Fono regarding his approval of increases in port fees, gave the impression that the the Administration is looking at submitting more revenue bills next year when the Fono convenes in January for the 3rd regular session of the 35th Legislature.

“We look forward to working with the Fono leadership on further revenue enhancement and individual tax relief measures” before the start of the 3rd regular session, Lolo wrote.

The administration, already has one individual-tax relief measure pending in the Fono, and that is upgrading the individual income tax table. The Senate had swiftly passed its version of the bill during the 2nd regular session and sent it to the House where it remains in committee along with the House version. Meanwhile, the governor also informed Fono leaders — in a separate Oct. 30th letter — that he has signed into law the establishment of a 1% alternative business minimum tax (AMBT) legislation, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2018.

ASG had claimed that many businesses have avoided paying their fair share of corporate taxes despite posting substantial annual gross revenues year after year. Therefore, ASG argued, the establishment of an AMBT is in the public interest as it will ensure that all corporations pay a fair share of corporate taxes.

Private sector executives have argued against the measure, saying that the AMBT punishes honest businesses that pay their corporate taxes and suggested that the ASG Tax Office conduct audits of businesses suspected of being dishonest.

According to the bill, businesses that start up during a given taxable year will be

exempt from the AMBT for the initial taxable year and the following taxable year only. The AMBT does not apply to non-profit corporations. ASG estimates to collect about \$2.3 million under the AMBT.

Samoa News will report during the week on two other Administration bills — changes to the miscellaneous excise tax and FY 2018 supplemental appropriation — which were vetoed by the governor.

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# New Zealand now approved for off-island referrals funded by Medicaid

by Blue Chen-Fruean

Samoa News Correspondent

Officials from the Medicaid State Agency, led by Lt. Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga, recently returned from a trip to New Zealand, to assess the health care system and confirm processes for patient referral coordination to the Land of the Long White Cloud.

Director of the American Samoa Medicaid Office, Tofoitaufa Sandra King Young told Samoa News that the health care system in New Zealand “ranks as one of the top health care systems in the world and is more affordable than the United States.”

Therefore, “We will be able to stretch more of our limited dollars to send more of our patients for high quality health care services to New Zealand than we could to the US,” she continued.

According to Tofoitaufa, “The Medicaid State Agency worked very hard on this change to the Medicaid State Plan and retained an actuary to conduct and in depth financial analysis - comparing costs to Hawaii and the US mainland.”

She said New Zealand provides high quality patient care and is much more affordable.

“The Medicaid State Agency’s responsibility is to develop referral procedures pursuant to Medicaid regulations and approved by CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services). Referral procedures must ensure patient access, fairness, transparency, and compliance under the Medicaid State Plan for all Medicaid eligible patients.”

The Medicaid agency will publicize procedures in the next few weeks.

Tofoitaufa shared that the purpose of the trip was to “assess patient accommodations and meet the medical providers that the Medicaid program will use for Off Island Medical Referral (OIMR) services.”

She reported that the trip was “very successful”.

“We came away very confident knowing that our patients will have access to a high performing health care system that is very patient-centered. Our patients will have access to some of the best private providers in New Zealand and

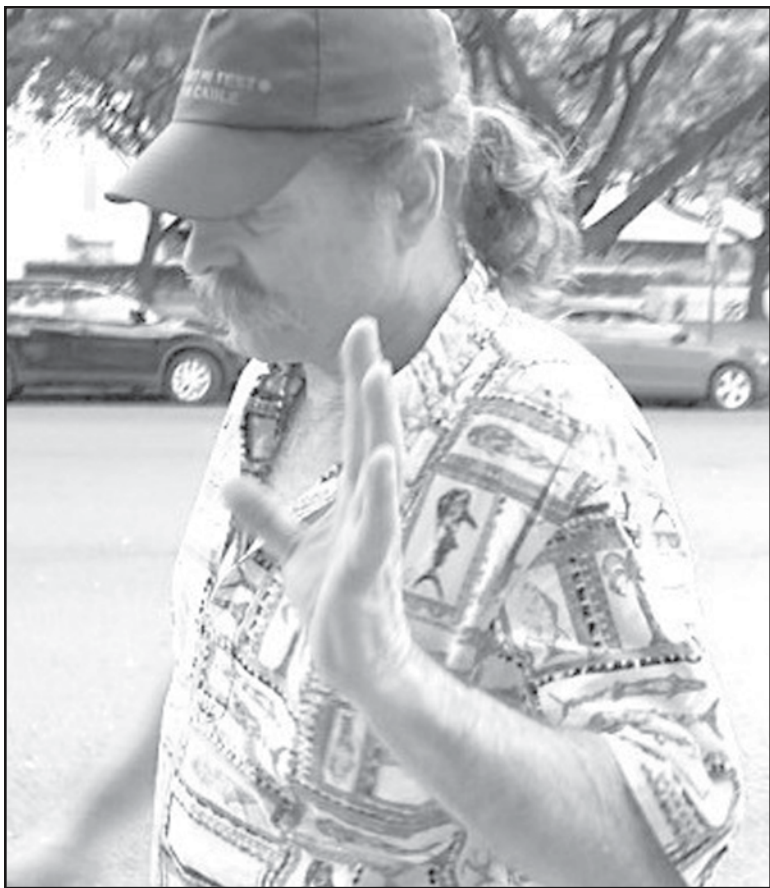
state-of-the-art facilities.”

As for a time frame of when off island referrals can start traveling to New Zealand, Tofoitaufa responded, “Medicaid is still finalizing the operational details of the referral services and will announce them as soon as we also receive approval of those procedures from CMS.”

On the issue of which hospitals will accept referrals from American Samoa the Medicaid office director said, “Whichever hospital in New Zealand the patient needs to go to for services — but primarily Mercy Ascot Hospital in Auckland, and Braemer Hospital, a couple of New Zealand’s best private hospitals.”

On the question of what is covered by Medicaid and what has to be forked out by the patient, Tofoitaufa answered, “We are still finalizing that, but Medicaid will at a minimum cover air transport and all medical costs.”

The Medicaid program is a reimbursement program and it has a fundamental requirement mandated by federal law.



Dean Jay Fletcher outside the Prince Kuhio Federal Building in Honolulu during an interview with Hawaii News Now. See story for details. [photo: Chelsea Davis/Hawaii News Now]

## Dean Jay Fletcher: “I didn’t kill my wife”

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Following a decision by the US Secretary of State, the Honolulu federal court last week ordered to “immediately” release American citizen Dean Jay Fletcher who is wanted in Tonga for the alleged murder of his wife.

As previously reported by Samoa News, Dean Jay Fletcher fled to American Samoa on his yacht, the Sea Oak.

However, Fletcher was arrested in Pago Pago last September for illegally entering the territory without authority.

From there, the local charge was dismissed as Fletcher was arrested and taken to Hawai’i on Nov. 22, 2016 by federal agents based on a federal warrant.

Here is the exclusive interview with Fletcher by Hawaii News Now reporter, Chelsea Davis.

She caught up with Fletcher outside the Prince Kuhio Federal Building in Honolulu.

Chelsea: “How does it feel to be a free man?”

Fletcher: “Wonderful”

Chelsea: “Where are you heading next?”

Fletcher: “Um, not sure.”

Chelsea: “Are you gonna stay here in Hawaii?”

Fletcher: “Um, probably not.”

Chelsea: “What do you want to tell everyone who thinks that you killed your wife?”

Fletcher: “I didn’t kill my wife, that’s ridiculous.”

Chelsea: “What would you want to tell her family members?”

Fletcher: “That I love my wife with all my heart and soul and it’s a tragic accident and there’s nothing I regret worse than the death of my wife. I had nothing to do with it.”

Chelsea: “What about the witnesses who said they saw you?”

Fletcher: “It’s all fabricated, lies. It’s all lies.”

Chelsea: “Were you fighting with your wife that day?”

Fletcher: “No.”

Chelsea: “What can you tell me about her?”

Fletcher: “No comment. Thank you.”

Chelsea: “What was she like?”

<Fletcher says nothing>

Chelsea: “Are you heading back to Tonga?”

Fletcher: “Hahahahaha”

Chelsea: “Or are you gonna stay here in Hawaii?”

Fletcher: “Have a good days guys, please, ok.”



On Halloween — Wednesday, Oct. 31st — Congresswoman Aumua Amata offered a special treat for the children of American Samoa, at the Fagatogo Square.

The event brought hundreds of youngsters, dressed up as various characters — including this little boy from Aua who came as Disney’s Maui from the blockbuster “Moana” — to the town area to get candies and treats.

[photo: LF]

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## VETERANS DAY 2017

**WHEREAS**, America was founded on the principles of liberty, opportunity and justice for all, and on Veterans Day we recognize the men and women of our Armed Forces who answered the call of duty to protect and valiantly defend these values throughout our nation's history. One hundred and seventeen years ago, the leaders of American Samoa subscribed to these principles of freedom, and on this day we honor our remarkable Veterans for their courage, compassion, and dedication to advancing the cause of freedom worldwide; and,

**WHEREAS**, across America there are more than 21 million Veterans. Their ranks include generations of citizens who have risked their lives while serving in military conflicts, including World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, and the war on terror. They have fought for security in our country and for world peace. They have defended our founding ideals, protected the innocent, and liberated the oppressed from tyranny and terror. Our Veterans know that in the harshest hours of conflict, they serve just and honorable purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, today, the men and women of American Samoa continue to serve our country in these perilous times of terror and war. By their service, they keep America strong and represent our dedication to achieving a lasting peace in the face of the new challenges and threats of the 21st century; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the years, our veterans have returned home from their duties to become active and responsible citizens in their communities, further contributing to the growth and development of our Nation and Territory. Their commitment to service inspires all Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, with respect for and in recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided that November 11th of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor Veterans.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lemanu P. S. Mauga**, Acting Governor of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim November 10th, 2017 as an official holiday and urge the people of the Territory to join all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our Veterans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon Territorial and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of my office on this 3rd day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

  
LEMANU PELETI MAUGA  
Acting Governor of American Samoa

# POLOA'IGA FA'ALAU'ITELE

## ASO O VETERENI 2017

**Taluai**, O Amerika ua fa'avaeina i ta'iala ole sa'olotoga, o avanoa tutusa ma le faimeatonu mo tagata uma. Ma ile aso o Vetereni ua tatou aloa'ia ai Ali'i ma Tama'ita'i o Vaega'au a le Malo Tele, i latou ua talia le vala'au e puipui ma le loto filiga i Ta'iala mai lava i tala'aga mai le amataga ole Malo Tele. Ua selau sefulu fitu nei tausaga talu ona ioeina e Amerika Samoa ia Ta'iala ole sa'olotoga, ole aso la leni ua tatou fa'amamalu ai i tatou Vetereni i lo latou loto toa, loto alofa, ae maise o le latou taulaga ofo mo le puipuiga o le sa'olotoga i le lalolagi atoa; ma,

**Taluai**, e silia ma le luasefulu tasi miliona Vetereni i Amerika atoa, e aofia ai Auga Tupulaga na lamatia lo latou soifua a o tautua i taua, e pei ole taua lona lua o le lalolagi, o Korea, Vietnam, o Sasa'e Tu Totonu, ma le taua ma 'au terroristi. Sa latou tau mo le saogalemu mo lo tatou Atunu'u ma le filemu o le lalolagi. Ua latou puipuia o tatou talitonuga fa'avae, ua latou puipuia i latou ua le ta'usalaina, fa'asa'oloto e ua mafatia i pulega saua. Ma ua silafia e o tatou Vetereni o lo'o latou tautua mo le faia o mea tonu ma tulaga aloa'ia e o'o lava ile taulotoa'ina o vevesi; ma,

**Taluai**, O lo'o tautua pea Ali'i ma Tama'ita'i o Amerika Samoa i vaega'au a le Malo Tele i taimi o taua, ma o le latou tautua ua fa'atupula'ia ai pea le malosi'aga ole Malo Tele, ma fa'ailoa ai pea le tatou ta'utinoga mo le 'ausia o se filemu tumau i taimi o lu'itau ma le tau fa'amata'u o le seneturi luasefulu tasi; ma,

**Taluai** I le gasologa mai o le tele o tausaga, ua malolo ma toe fo'i mai Vetereni i aiga e tautua le Atunu'u, e fa'aaau ai lo latou sao i le atina'ega o le Malo ma le Atunu'u. O le latou ta'utinoga e tautua ua fa'aosofia ai le tele o tagata nu'u o Amerika; ma,

**Taluai**, Ina ia fa'aaloaloina ma aloa'ia le sao o Ali'i ma Tama'ita'i o Vaega'au a le Malo ua faia mo le filemu ma le sa'olotoga o le lalolagi, ua aloa'ia ai e le Konekeresi le aso sefulu tasi o Novema i tausaga ta'itasi e fa'amamalu ai Vetereni.

**ILE MA OLE ALA LEA, o a'u, o Lemanu P.S Mauga**, Kovana Lutena o Amerika Samoa, oute fa'alauiloa ai le aso sefulu o Nove-ma, lua afe sefulu ma le fitu e avea ma aso malolo, ma ou talosagaina ai tagata uma ole Teritori e 'auai fa'atasi ma tagata ole Malo Tele i Sauniga aloa'ia e manatua ai le tautua le fa'atuaoia ma le faigataulaga a Vetereni. Ou te vala'auina fo'i ta'ita'i ole Malo ma le Atunu'u ina ia mautinoa le agiagia o le Tagavai ale Malo Tele ma 'auai i Sauniga ua tapenaina mo lea fa'amoemoe taua. Oute talosagaina fo'i fa'alapotopotoga tu ma'oti, o Ekalesia, Aoga, o Pisinisi, fa'apea fo'i vaega fa'asalalau ina ia lagolago i le nei fa'amanatuga, e ala i fa'ailoilo ma polokalame talafeagai.

**UA FA'AMAONIA LEA** e ala i le tu'uina o la'u saina ma le fa'amaufailoga o lo'u ofisa i le aso tolu leni o Novema, i le Tausaga o lo tatou Ali'i, e lua afe sefulu ma le fitu.

  
LEMANU PELETI MAUGA  
Acting Governor of American Samoa

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Compiled by Samoa News Staff TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CREDIT INCLUDED IN TAX BILL

Washington, D.C. – Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata welcomed news that the Chairman's draft of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act released Thursday includes the American Samoa Economic Development Credit that she requested.

"I am pleased that this major tax legislation includes this priority for American Samoa's economy, and I appreciate Chairman Brady's response to my request," said Aumua Amata. "Renewing the American Samoa Economic Development Credit is essential to encouraging investment and preserving jobs. Changing this policy's extension from just one year at a time to six years will further allow for better business

planning and more stability for our local economy."

Specifically, Chairman Kevin Brady of the House Ways and Means Committee introduced this week The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, H.R. 1, and included at the request of Congresswoman Aumua Amata, "Section 4403. Extension of American Samoa Economic Development Credit (the ASEDC)."

This provision would extend the economic development credit for 6 years until January 1, 2023, and retroactively backdate the action to take effect from the beginning of this year, January 1, 2017.

This action is designed to encourage investment in the territory and create jobs by reducing federal taxes on income earned by qualifying employers in the territory. For perspective, a 2007 Department of Labor report declared that "the loss of this [Economic Development Credit] would be a damaging blow to the profits of the American Samoa canneries causing possible relocation."

"Ensuring the renewal of this economic development credit has been an ongoing priority to preserve jobs and promote investment in American Samoa," continued Congresswoman Amata. "It's important that our federal tax policy reflects an understanding of American Samoa's unique economic needs."

(Source: Congresswoman Aumua Amata's office, Washington, DC)

## AMATA WELCOMES VETERANS HEALTH LEGISLATION

Washington, D.C. – Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata welcomed the introduction of bipartisan veterans' health legislation introduced to improve community care options. She is an original cosponsor of the VA Care in the Community Act, introduced today by Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Phil Roe.

"I've been encouraged by the Committee's ongoing focus on improving health care access for veterans," said Aumua Amata. "Veterans in American Samoa face many challenges in accessing the care they deserve because of our economic and geographic isolation. The Committee's legislative agenda continues to work on finding solutions for more choices and better options."

Specifically, the legislation would streamline veteran access to community care previously handled under the CHOICE Program. This includes removing of the 30-day, 40-mile requirement, and broadening community care options.


"We will keep working for lower costs and better care in remote areas, and this bill is part of that ongoing effort," continued Congresswoman Amata. "Thank you to Chairman Roe and my colleagues on this Committee for their leadership and dedication on these issues."

(Source: Congresswoman Aumua Amata's office, Washington, DC)



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[photo: courtesy]



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## PUBLIC JOB POSTING

Position Title	ICT Supervisor	Posting Date	October 30, 2017
Department	ICT	Deadline	November 10, 2017, 4:00 pm
Division	Support Services	Starting Rate	\$24.17/hr - \$29.49/hr
Position Type	Career Service - 12 months probation		
Reports To	ICT Manager	Job Grade/Status	M/3/C - M/8/C, Exempt

**Major Duties & Responsibilities**

The primary objective of the position is to ensure proper functioning of the organization's information systems and make upgrades as necessary. Helps assists and trains all divisions/departments on how to utilize the organization's information systems to improve their efficiency. ICT Supervisor is responsible for maintaining all computer equipment, hardware, and software updated to meet organizational needs. ICT Supervisor is to follow appropriate programming procedures and guidelines for system support. Incumbent supervises all employees of the Information Communication Technology department in accordance with organizational policies and goals. This position directly reports to the ICT Manager.

**Minimum Requirements**

Education	Bachelor's degree in MIS, Computer Science, Information System Management or related field. Master's degree in MIS, Computer Science, Information System Management or related field preferred.
Experience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five (5) years of related experience in information technology AND</li> <li>Two (2) years' experience working in a managerial/supervisory role</li> </ol>
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervises staff performing information technology tasks, and directing teams and projects to successfully meet information technology goals and initiatives of the organization.</li> <li>Selects, trains, mentors/guides, and evaluates information technology staff; provides recommendations for disciplinary actions and/or grievance resolutions; and oversees time management.</li> <li>Exercises considerable independence, judgment, and initiative in supervising activities within assigned area(s) and the performance of other duties assigned; receives general administrative direction.</li> <li>Provide weekly reports based on activities of projects, problems and functions of ICT staff.</li> <li>Evaluating and verifying employee performances through performance evaluation techniques.</li> <li>Researches information technology trends and operational best practices; monitors the progress and attainment of initiatives and goals, and effectiveness of organizational services.</li> <li>Provides organizational oversight and strategic guidance in determining business system requirements, and protecting and defending information/assets.</li> <li>Prioritizes and assigns projects and maintenance/enhancements relating to applications, current database and configuration, hardware/software upgrades and technical support for internal/external systems, communication/network systems, servers and associated storage devices, and design/functionality of web environments.</li> <li>Provides organizational oversight in the preparation of project assessment quotation/bid specifications; reviews vendor proposals.</li> <li>Implement improvements and processes for the whole organization.</li> <li>Provides training and awareness to all divisions/departments on system updates and maximum use of software.</li> <li>Performs other related work as assigned.</li> </ul>

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## Sister: Walmart slaying suspect heard voices after drug trip

DENVER (AP) — The step-sister of a man charged with fatally shooting three people at a Colorado Walmart said he has been tormented by voices in his head since taking LSD nearly 30 years ago — an event she said radically changed his behavior and personality.

"When he came home, he was terrified. He had voices in his head. Demons," Michelle Willoughby told The Denver Post in an interview posted online Monday.

Prosecutors filed multiple counts of first-degree murder and attempted-murder charges Monday against Scott Ostrem, 47, Willoughby's stepbrother.

Ostrem is accused of walking into a Walmart in the Denver suburb of Thornton on Wednesday and fatally shooting a woman and two men. Prosecutors still have not offered any clues into possible reasons for the attack.

"Can't talk about a motive yet, thanks," Adams County District Attorney Dave Young said Monday.

Willoughby, who lives in Cocoa Beach, Florida, said she does not know what might have triggered the shooting because she has not been able to speak with Ostrem.

But she said he had been outgoing, sociable and athletic before taking LSD at a party in 1988, and afterward he became a recluse haunted by voices saying the devil was after him.

The family contacted a hospital, and Ostrem underwent a drug intervention but did not get psychological treatment, she said.

Ostrem was frequently counseled by a Catholic priest who placed a crucifix on his forehead, commanded demons to leave his body and asked God to silence the voices, Willoughby said.

She said the priest has since died and she does not recall his name.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse says the long-term effects of LSD and other hallucinogenic drugs can include

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# Former SHS student pursues dream of becoming a scientist

by Blue Chen-Fruean  
Samoa News Correspondent

Her name is Clarence Rachel Recto Villanueva but to family and friends, she's just "Clare."

The petite 20-year-old, a 2015 graduate of Samoana High School, is the daughter of Filipino immigrants Ariel and Gemma Villanueva who have lived in Fagatogo for more than a decade. Currently, Clare is attending Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, studying Forensic Science and Technology, and double minoring in Biology and Chemistry. According to her, she is the first person from American Samoa, and the first international student who is a Philippines' native to attend Point Park University.

According to Clare's former teacher, Anntionette Fisher-Slade, Clare pursued her love of science at the suggestion of another former Samoana teacher, Veevalu Meauta Mageo, who is the current faipule for Pago Pago village.

Apparently, Clare has always had an interest in science. "I like watching crime shows and reading crime related stories," she told Samoa News yesterday via email from Pittsburgh.

When she's not immersed in textbooks relating to biology and forensic science, Clare is just like any other college student — hanging out with friends and sleeping. During free time, she goofs off with paintballs, and she enjoys biking, zip-lining, paddle boarding, and traveling.

"I like trying out new things," she shared. "I like to bake and crochet when I have time." She says she doesn't play any sports because she's just "academically focused."

The eldest of three siblings, Clare is the first member of her family to go to college.

When asked about her future plans, Clare replied, "I'm honestly just focusing on my current goal, which is to graduate; however, I am planning on pursuing a job as a scientist (a forensic scientist, especially) or something in the CSI field."

So how has it been, going from a small rock in the middle of the Pacific to a big city on the east coast of the US? "It's challenging. I love it, but at the same time, I don't. It can be fun and stressful. I keep myself busy and motivated."

And yes, she is very busy. Clare is a full time student, and also interns under the Neuroscience department at the Rangos Research Center of the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (UPMC), where the focus is on finding cures for pediatric brain tumors. In addition, she also works part time at the school.

When asked about her biggest challenge, Clare responded, "I think the biggest challenge is moving across the world to a city, where I don't know anyone

at all. In addition, it was my first time being away from my family for more than two weeks. I had to learn to be independent, and be responsible with my decisions, finances, health, and safety - basically living the adult life while focusing on school and keeping up with my grades." She continued, "I'm in the East Coast and my family is in American Samoa. I'm 7 hours ahead and I don't see them everyday, or have any physical interactions. I do talk to them through Facebook and sometimes on FaceTime whenever we are all not busy."

Responding to whether she plans to return to American Samoa to work someday, Clare answered, "Maybe. It's one of my options." Her words of advice to the up and coming generation: "Keep striving and do your best. Don't rush to grow up but enjoy your younger years, because you'll regret growing

up. Being an adult is not as easy as it looks. Also, never take morning classes in college!" Speaking of her parents, whom she calls her biggest inspiration, Clare said, "They have been through so much and they still manage to remain strong. They give me the courage to battle every obstacle in life and they've always believed in me. Through good and bad times, they are still there cheering me on, supporting me in every way and decision, no matter how far they are from me. I can never thank them enough."

For now, Clare says she is using her internship to advance in her studies.

"I have been learning and gaining so much skills, especially with laboratory protocols and experiments, from my lab mentor and fellow research assistants, skills that will help me reach my goal of being a scientist."



Clarence Rachel Recto Villanueva, 20, of Fagatogo, is currently studying forensic science and technology, and double minoring in biology and chemistry at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. In addition to being a full time student and working at the school, Clare interns at a research center that focuses on finding cures for pediatric brain tumors. See story for details. [photo: courtesy]



## American Samoa Government OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

# PROCLAMATION

### MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH IN AMERICAN SAMOA

For generations, brave Soldiers from American Samoa have stepped forward and answered our country's call to serve in our Armed Forces. With honor and distinction, our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen fight to defend the principles upon which our Republic was founded so that we might live in a freer and more prosperous world. Behind these courages Soldiers stand spouses, children and parents who give up precious time with their loved ones, bearing the burden of long deployments and difficult moves, and oftentimes putting their careers on hold. During Military Family Month, we salute the families of those who proudly are a part of our Nation's unbroken chain of patriots for their unwavering devotion, and we renew our sacred vow to uphold our promise to our troops, our veterans and their families.

Our military would not be the greatest in the world without the strength and support of the loved ones who stand alongside our men and women in uniform. While our service members are fighting to secure the values we cherish and defend our homeland, their spouses keep their households running, sometimes through multiple deployments. Spouses of the in the military are often forced to relocate across the country leaving behind and being separated from loved ones. They are our sons, daughters, fellow citizens and neighbors; in their service to their families and the United States of America.

American Samoa has a solemn obligation to support and care for the members of our military and their families - from their first day of training until they conclude their service. Through First Lady Cynthia Malala-Molina and the late Mrs. Pohakalani Mauga's support of Family Programs in American Samoa, we have worked with both the public and private sectors to ensure service members, veterans, Survivors of Fallen Soldiers and their families have the tools they need to succeed throughout their lives.

We must always be there for our service members and their families - just as they are there for us. Through the thickest of fights and the darkest of nights, our extraordinary military American Samoa families - our heroes on the home front - stand alongside our patriots in uniform, and in their example we see the very best of our country's spirit. This month, let us thank them for their tremendous devotion to duty and for their unyielding sacrifice. Let us honor also the families of our Fallen To a o Samoa for their loss, sacrifice, resolve, resiliency and patriotism. Let us uphold our solemn responsibility to honor and appreciate our military families in American Samoa.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Lolo Matalasi Moliga**, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim **November 2017** as **Military Family Month**. I encourage all of American Samoa to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in support of our service members and our Nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

*Lolo M. Moliga*  
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Governor of American Samoa

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**In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION**

PR NO. 42-17

*In the Matter of the Estate of*

**SIFOA LOA**

*Deceased*

**BY: ALEX BRISKI**

*Petitioner*

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY WITH WILL ATTACHED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition for letters testamentary has been filed in the High Court of American Samoa, Territory of American Samoa by ALEX BRISKI for the Estate of SIFOA LOA (deceased) who died on May 8, 1960 in American Samoa.

A hearing on the petition will be held on November 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa. All heirs of SIFOA LOA and other interested parties may appear before the court on said date to respond to this petition.

Dated: October 25, 2017

CLERK OF COURTS

Published: 10/26, 10/31 & 11/16/17

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operate locally?"

In his letter, Hall said if the insurers listed in Circular 570 are not admitted as insurers in American Samoa, pursuant to the ASG Insurance Act, "then the requirement that only Circular 570 insurers are qualified to issue surety bonds under this contract, [...] the provision or condition is a substantive defect to the contract and the entire bidding process is defective."

Simply put, "The contract or contracts for the Airport Rehabilitation Projects must therefore be cancelled and be rewritten to correct this substantive defect and the contract for this project must be rebid as soon as practicable."

In the interest of ASG Procurement curing the deficiencies in the original bid proposal for said project, Hall said, "all proposals should be rejected as irregular or consider waiving the irregularity as a technicality" and allow Paramount to submit a surety or guarantee "issued by a licensed and certified insurer

approved by the ASG Insurance Commissioner, in accordance to law."

Hall recommends that the legal counsel for the ASG Procurement Office be tasked with reviewing the use of Circular 570 and the bidding procedures set forth in 2 CFR 200. (CFR stands for Code of Federal Regulations and it is a codification or arrangement of the general and permanent rules established in the Federal Register.) The Airport projects are funded with federal dollars from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Samoa News points out that the grant from FAA to ASG is governed by 2 CFR 200, which states in part, "...a state (including American Samoa) must follow the same policies and procedures it uses for procurements from its non-federal funds."

Local law, ASG regulations, and the Request For Proposal govern the awarding of the airport project contract, according to another local attorney, who reviewed the award.

He said under AS procurement regulations for construc-

tion contracts, bid bonds may be provided by either a Circular 570 company or by "...other surety acceptable to the government." Furthermore, surety certified by the government may provide performance and payment bonds for construction contracts for amounts exceeding \$100K. This provision, according to the attorney, has been interpreted to allow for performance bonds issued by bonding companies not included in Circular 570.

The RFP requires performance and payment bonds to be issued by a solvent surety, certified to operate within the state/country, and the project work is located and listed in the current issue of the US Treasury Circular 570; however, none of the proposals submitted included a surety that met the aforementioned requirements.

If such a determination is not made, the minimum requirements include a bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to 5% of the bid price; a 'bid guarantee' that consists of a firm commitment to include a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid; and a performance

bond and payment bond for 100% of the contract price.

In his letter to Crichton, Hall wrote, "In 2 CFR 200-325, there is no reference to Circular 570 list of insurers; in fact, it permits 'bid guarantee', 'performance bond', and 'payment bond'." Furthermore, the contract conditions provide that the FAA can make a determination with regards to local bonding policy and requirements, as long as the government's interest is adequately protected.

He said Paramount Builders' submission of a surety bond issued by a licensed insurer in American Samoa "should be acceptable under this provision of the contract."

An Aug 21, 2017 letter to Governor Lolo M. Moliga from the FAA notes the requirement of a Circular 570 bond due to the Miller Act, which requires surety bonds on federal construction projects.

According to an attorney from the AG's office, the FAA has determined that the government's interests are not adequately protected without the Circular 570 bond for this project.

But Hall says he has yet to receive a list of licensed insurers permitted to do business in the territory, and a confirmation that the insurers listed are registered and received a permit and license to operate locally under the Foreign Corporation Act; and that each was issued a certificate of authority by the Insurance Commissioner, as required by law.

The law is very clear. For an insurance company to do business in American Samoa, it has to receive a Certificate of Authority or be represented by a licensed insurance broker, he said.

Samoa News understands that since the required bonds were provided by Paramount prior to the deadline, the project will go on as scheduled.

However, it is unclear how federal regulations, as far as Circular 570 bonding is concerned, were overlooked in the past — with the awarding of contracts to companies to do work locally without Circular 570 bonding — and in the future, if such insurance services are not available locally.

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# ▶ Prison escapee...

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In 2016, Fa'aaliga was charged in two separate incidents while was serving time in jail. Court records show that the defendant escaped from jail on June 30th, and managed to make his way over to the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA) main office in Tafuna at night, where he took a woman's purse while she was sitting inside her vehicle.

For this first case in 2016, Fa'aaliga was convicted with escape from confinement and was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, a straight sentence.

His second case in 2016 happened on June 19th, where he broke into an Asian Store and stole \$1,500. In the second case, the defendant was convicted of felony stealing and was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment, a straight sentence. (Samoa News should point out that the cash was never mentioned as found, or how the defendant used it.)

The defendant's 12-year straight sentence from the two crimes he committed in 2016 is to be served consecutively with his 2013 sentence.

Chief Probation Officer, Malcolm Polu told the court that Fa'aaliga walked out twice from prison while being detained. And now Kruse wants to know how it happened.

Polu told the court his investigation revealed that Fa'aaliga was able to access certain areas inside the prison because of his "trustee status". A trustee, according to Polu, is a person who can walk around and gain access anywhere inside the prison, in addition to locking and unlocking the prison gate.

"So that means Fa'aaliga has the key to the gate, and that's why he was able to walk away from prison twice?" Kruse asked. Polu said the gate has no lock, meaning anyone can open it from inside and out, if they want to enter or exit.

Kruse questioned how a probationer gets trustee status when the court orders them to be detained in prison without release whatsoever. Polu explained that trustee status is given to inmates as part of the Warden's rehabilitation program, and it has been ongoing for years.

Polu said TCF security told him that trustee status is a Warden's program, and it started years ago. And although prison

wardens change, the program was still in effect, until recently when the court ordered that every prisoner under the court's supervision is not to hold trustee status.

Kruse turned to prosecutor Robert Morris and asked him, if he heard the Chief Probation Officer's statement clearly, to which Morris replied affirmatively.

Kruse, smiling, then said to Morris, "It seems like there is a lack of institutional memory in your office, as well as the TCF."

He said there is a statute that provides for the Warden's discretion to rehabilitate inmates, but that applies to those on straight sentences. Kruse recalled a court case many years ago, when Commissioner Te'o and Warden Manase got into trouble for letting probationers out when the court had ordered them to stay in jail.

When asked to explain when and how Fa'aaliga managed to walk away twice from prison, Polu said the defendant — who was a trustee at the time — walked out freely from prison on the night of June 30th, 2016, where he stole a woman's purse while she was sitting inside her car.

The robbery at the Asian store happened on June 19th — 11 days earlier — but it wasn't discovered until a review of the store's surveillance video.

After hearing Polu's statement, Kruse smiled again, faced the government attorney and said, "There you go. Not only do they lack institutional memory but they are also unaware that their inmates are walking in and out of prison, until some Asian store camera caught the defendant."

Fa'aaliga's case is continued to January 12, 2018, and Kruse is asking attorneys from both sides to give the court some thoughts on what should be done to Fa'aaliga.

"This defendant is looking at serving 34 years behind bars if his case comes to an end," Kruse said. "We've got a 12-year straight sentence which I have no jurisdiction over, it's up to the Executive and the Parole people to decide until 4 years is up. We want to resolve what to do with this young man. He has no support group on island. The only family he has are the inmates in jail," Kruse concluded.

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mood disturbances, paranoia, disorganized thinking and hallucinations. But such effects are rare, the institute said on its website, and they are more likely to occur in people with a history of psychological problems.

Charles Grob, a psychiatry professor at UCLA, said it is unlikely that LSD would be the cause of a decadeslong psychosis. It was more likely that Ostrem had "some severe disturbance to begin with," he said. "I don't think LSD is the right culprit," Grob said.

Willoughby said she is bothered by the way Ostrem has been characterized on social media.

"My brother is not this monster," she said. "He is not cold-blooded.

He hears these voices. Honestly, in my heart, I believe there is only so much a person can take."

Willoughby said she is heartbroken for the victims, Pamela Marques, 52, of Denver; Carlos Moreno, 66, of Thornton; and Victor Vasquez, 26, of Denver.

All were Latino, and Ostrem is white.

While declining to discuss a potential motive, Young said hate-crime charges have not been ruled out.

At the court hearing in Adams County District Court, Ostrem sat quietly, occasionally answering "yes" when the judge asked him a question.

He appeared thin, hunching forward slightly. He wore a yellow- and white-striped jail jumpsuit with "Adams County Jail" in large black letters on the back. His wrists and ankles were shackled.

Ostrem did not enter a plea. He is being held without bail.

The murder charges carry a sentence of life without parole or the death penalty. Young has not said whether he will seek the death penalty.

The attempted-murder charges carry a sentence of eight to 48 years.

The judge scheduled a Feb. 5 preliminary hearing for prosecutors to lay out their case. The judge will decide if the evidence is sufficient for a trial.

# Nevada presses toward execution with new chief state doctor

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada officials pressed Monday toward the first execution of a condemned prison inmate in 11 years, telling a judge the state's top psychiatrist is the interim replacement for the chief state medical officer — an anesthesiologist who quit last week after signing off on the lethal injection plan.

A federal public defender fighting a state prisons plan to use a never-before-tried three-drug combination to kill a death-row inmate suggested to a state court judge that she might want to "push the pause button to make sure everything is in order" before allowing the execution to go forward Nov. 14 as scheduled.

But the inmate advocate, David Anthony, stopped short of asking Clark County District Court Judge Jennifer Togliatti to block the execution of Scott

Raymond Dozier, even after the judge expressed her concerns about entering "new frontiers as far as the drugs and the protocol and it happening."

Dozier, 46, has given up all appeals and has repeatedly told Togliatti in person and in writing that he wants his sentence carried out. He said in court in August he was not really concerned about pain and suffering.

But the twice-convicted murderer who left victims in Las Vegas and Phoenix is letting Anthony and legal colleague Lori Teicher challenge the state method for the execution.

Togliatti, who heard Dozier's jury trial in 2007, scheduled another hearing Wednesday for Dozier to appear by videoconference from Ely State Prison, home of the state's death row and a newly constructed death chamber, to affirm again that he

wants to die.

Jordan Smith, a state solicitor general, opened Monday's hearing informing the judge that Dr. Leon Ravin, the state psychiatric medical director since 2015, had taken over at least temporarily as the state's top doctor following the Oct. 30 resignation of Dr. John DiMuro.

That makes Ravin the medical official with responsibility for a scheduled execution using a never-before-tried combination of the sedative diazepam, the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl and the muscle paralytic cisatracurium.

A family practice physician, Dr. John Scott, who works at the state Lake's Crossing psychiatric hospital in Sparks, will be the attending physician at the execution, Smith said.

Anthony said the chief state medical officer has a key role in an execution protocol.



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tables to gradually put more dollars into consumer hands and therefore would see more dollars circulating in the local economy.

Samoa News points out that the Senate had already passed its version of the administration's bill amending the individual tax tables over a period of time but it is pending in a House committee, along with the House version.

"The Fono by not acting on the tax tables proposal has not addressed an important part of the entire revenue package, as more dollars circulating in the community will drive an improved gross domestic product which will be good for the private sector," he said, adding that this is the same situation with repealing the 2% wage tax, which the Fono included as a provision in the miscellaneous excise tax bill amendments.

Lolo points out that without additional sales tax revenues, repealing the 2% wage tax cannot be sustained.

Having been through public hearings and having heard objections of members of the public and some lawmakers, Lolo said, "We believe the time

has come for the administration and the Legislature to try to work collaboratively on addressing the territory's financial future."

"While the short-term outcome of our revenue enhancement initiative has resulted in this veto, I look at where we are as being at the beginning of the process of getting us to where we want to be," he said. Also vetoed by the governor, is the fiscal year 2018 supplemental budget, which the governor says is necessary after he vetoed the excise tax bill.

Lolo explained that the supplemental appropriation requires a sufficient revenue stream to support the proposed expenditures, which "we do not yet have, and will not have, absent further action on enhancing the government's overall revenues."

He acknowledged that the Fono has taken steps in the right direction by approving two measures, which were signed into law Oct. 30th — hike in port fees and charges; and establishment of a 1% alternative minimum business tax.

However, he said, "there remains more to be done" and the Administration looks forward to working with the Fono.



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### PUBLIC JOB POSTING

Position Title	<b>Operator I</b>	Posting Date	<b>October 30, 2017</b>
Department	<b>Engineering</b>	Deadline	<b>November 10, 2017, 4:00 pm</b>
Division	<b>Environmental Services Division</b>	Starting Rate	<b>\$7.28/hr</b>
Position Type	<b>Career Service - 12 months probation</b>		
Reports To	<b>Water Distribution Supervisor</b>	Job Grade/Status	<b>D/1/A, Non-Exempt</b>

#### Major Duties & Responsibilities

his position is an entry level/trainee position within the Water Distribution Operator series. Will assist in the maintenance, repair, and construction work on the potable water treatment and distribution system of the Water Division; will assist in operating maintenance and construction tools and equipment; assist in a variety of maintenance tasks relative to water distribution and treatment. We are looking for a thorough worker that will have good attendance and is resourceful in completing assignments.

#### Minimum Requirements

Education	1-year vocational certificate or 2-year associate's degree
Experience	Detail-oriented; able to work with data, make decisions, understand mechanics. Previous experience in related work environment. Fluently speaks and writes in English. Basic computer knowledge and word processing skills. Ability to obtain a Water Distribution System Operator Level 1 certification within 12 months of hire.
Knowledge, Skills & Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assists in handling water quality and low pressure complaints. Assist in completing service orders assigned to complaints, or provide necessary information to request further work to another branch of division if solution cannot be completed under his/her scope.</li> <li>Participates in all phases of water supply, treatment, distribution, such as pumps, controls, valves, addition of chemicals, inspection of water surface elevation; determination of loss of head, meter and gauge readings; repairing feed equipment and valves;</li> <li>Assists Level I, Level II, Level III and Level IV operators in guaranteeing the adequate production, treatment and delivery to the water distribution system a potable water in substantial quantities and high quality;</li> <li>Assists with establishing maintenance schedules with routine daily lubrication of equipment;</li> <li>Assists Level I, Level II, Level III and Level IV operators in normal and emergency service situations;</li> <li>Assists in conducting field laboratory tests, and sampling required to assure efficient operation of the water supply and treatment;</li> <li>Learn how to identify service and main leaks; and assist in operating pipe locator</li> <li>Learn to read and update water distribution maps and as-built plans and blueprints.</li> <li>Assist in repairs, maintenance and installation of water meters and related service lines; read meters; turn services off and on as necessary.</li> <li>Assist in underground service alert locating, marking and notification.</li> <li>Assists other personnel as necessary under the direction of the Chief Operator;</li> <li>Ability to communicate orally with co-workers is important and be able to write and converse fluently in both English and Samoan languages.</li> <li>Demonstrates the ability and willingness to work in a team environment in the course of daily activities.</li> <li>Good manual dexterity for the use of common tools is required. Standing for extended periods is common. Hearing and vision within normal ranges is important.</li> <li>Lifting of up to 50lbs. is required.</li> <li>Enters and works in a confined space;</li> <li>Be available to work after hours and on weekends, holidays, whenever necessary.</li> </ul>

**Qualified applicants:** Please submit a completed ASPA Employment Application with a copy of your resume to ASPA (address listed above) by the deadline listed above. Please attach copies of credentials and transcripts. Candidates selected for hire must pass examinations (when applicable), pre-employment clearances & test negative on employment drug test. ASPA reserves the right to waive education and experience requirements as necessary.

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)



Meredith Cooper, of San Antonio, Texas, and her 8-year-old daughter, Heather, visit a memorial of 26 metal crosses near First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, Monday Nov. 6, 2017. The gunman of a deadly shooting at the small-town Texas church had a history of domestic violence and sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, a member of First Baptist, before the attack, authorities said Monday. (Jay Janner/Austin American-Statesman via AP)

## Texas church gunman sent hostile text messages before attack

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — The gunman who killed 26 people at a small-town Texas church had a history of domestic violence and sent threatening text messages to his mother-in-law, a member of First Baptist, before the attack in which he fired at least 450 rounds at helpless worshippers, authorities said Monday.

A day after the deadliest mass shooting in state history, the military acknowledged that it did not submit the shooter's criminal history to the FBI, as required by the Pentagon. If his past offenses had been properly shared, they would have prevented him from buying a gun.

Investigators also revealed that sheriff's deputies had responded to a domestic violence call in 2014 at Devin Patrick Kelley's home involving a girlfriend who became his second wife. Later that year, he was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife in which he choked her and struck her son hard enough to fracture his skull.

In the tiny town of Sutherland Springs, population 400, grieving townspeople were reeling from their losses. The dead ranged from 18 months to 77 years old and included multiple members of some families.

"Our church was not comprised of members or parishioners. We were a very close family," said Sherri Pomeroy, the wife of the church pastor, who was out of town with her husband when the attack happened. "Now most of our church family is gone."

The couple's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy, was among those killed.

Kelley's mother-in-law sometimes attended services there, but the sheriff said she was not at church on Sunday.

The massacre appeared to stem from a domestic situation and was not racially or religiously motivated, Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin said. He did not elaborate.

Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after he was chased by bystanders, one of whom was armed, and crashed his car.

The 26-year-old shooter also used his cell-phone to tell his father he had been shot and did not think he would survive, authorities said.

While in the military, Kelley served in logistics readiness at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico from 2010 until his 2014 discharge, Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said.

He was discharged for the assault involving his previous wife and her child and had served a year of confinement after a court-martial. Under Pentagon rules, information about convictions

of military personnel for crimes such as assault should be submitted to the FBI's Criminal Justice Investigation Services Division.

Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said the service is launching a review of its handling of the case and taking a comprehensive look at its databases to ensure other cases have been reported correctly.

A few months before he received the bad-conduct discharge, sheriff's deputies went to his home to check out the domestic violence complaint involving him and his then-girlfriend. People in the house said there was no problem, and no arrests were made. Kelley married the girlfriend two months later.

Also in 2014, he was charged with misdemeanor animal cruelty in Colorado after a neighbor reported him for beating a dog. Kelley initially refused to speak with officers about the incident. He denied abusing the animal but complied with an order to pay almost \$370 in restitution. He was also the focus of a protective order issued in Colorado in 2015.

Once the shooting started, there was probably "no way" for congregants to escape, Wilson County Sheriff Joe D. Tackitt Jr. said.

The gunman, dressed in black tactical gear, fired an assault rifle as he walked down the center aisle during worship services. He turned around and continued shooting on his way out of the building, Tackitt said.

About 20 other people were wounded. Ten of them were still hospitalized Monday in critical condition.

Investigators collected hundreds of shell casings from the scene, along with at least 15 empty magazines that held 30 rounds each.

Kelley lived in New Braunfels, about 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of the church, authorities said. Investigators were reviewing social media posts he made in the days before the attack, including one that appeared to show an AR-15 semi-automatic weapon.

Less than two months ago, Kelley had started a job as an unarmed security guard at a nearby resort.

He "seemed like a nice guy" and did not cause any problems, said Claudia Varjabedian, manager at the Summit Vacation Resort in New Braunfels.

On Sunday, the attacker pulled into a gas station across from the church, about 30 miles (48.28 kilometers) southeast of San Antonio. He crossed the street and started firing the rifle at the church, then continued firing after entering the white wood-frame building, Martin said.



# Lawyers conclude Baltimore police van driver case

BALTIMORE (AP) — Both sides made closing statements Monday in the case of a Baltimore police van driver who could be fired for his role in transporting Freddie Gray, the black man whose death in custody sparked riots in the city.

Caesar Goodson's lawyer said the police department is trying to run over his client in "a bus without any evidence." The department's lawyer said Goodson failed his duty, responsibility and integrity during the trip to the police station that left Gray fatally injured. Both lawyers spoke for more than an hour.

Attorney Thomas Tompsett Jr. aggressively criticized the department, saying an internal investigation led by outside investigators and attorney Neil Duke failed to include or seek out evidence that could have exonerated Goodson in a complicated case that involved multiple officers at six different stops the day of Gray's arrest in April 2015.

"He failed to give the charging committee a complete picture," Tompsett said, referring to a panel that brought charges against Goodson.

Duke contends in 21 charges against Goodson that the officer failed to follow department policy in multiple ways. They include failing to buckle Gray in a seatbelt or get him medical attention when he asked for it. After Gray banged around in the back of the van while handcuffed and in leg shackles, Duke described Goodson as so indifferent to his duty that he didn't make any effort to interact with Gray to check on his physical condition.

"It's not a heavy duty to be placed on a police officer to exercise that level of compassion," Duke said.

Goodson's lawyers say a team of officers responded to the arrest and worked together, and that other officers as well as Goodson checked

on Gray on the way to the station. His attorneys also blame the department, because it failed to let officers know about a days-old policy change making it mandatory to put arrestees transported by van in seatbelts.

But Duke said Goodson, who had been a van driver for 14 years, shouldn't have left Gray's well-being up to other officers.

"It's his wagon. His detainee. His responsibility," Duke said.

Tompsett countered that if there was a wagon ride it was the investigation, driven by people desperate to hold someone responsible for Gray's fatal injuries.

"Not every accident has a villain, but Mr. Duke would have you believe that's the case," Tompsett told a three-member police disciplinary board, comprised of two Baltimore Police Department officials and an outside chairperson.

Goodson's lawyers also have noted testimony from officers and a policing expert who underscored the dangers of buckling a combative arrestee into a seatbelt in the confines of the van. But Duke said there's no evidence Goodson ever tried to buckle him in, even at stops where there was no evidence Gray was being combative.

"So, we never get to that point, because there's never an attempt made," Duke said.

Duke also noted that state law requires Maryland residents to wear seatbelts.

"Why would we hold our citizens to a higher standard than we hold ourselves?" Duke said.

Goodson also is charged with making false statements for failing to fully fill out a record of his stops. In one false statement charge, Goodson is accused of wrongfully saying that Officer Zachery Novak told him that Lt. Brian Rice wanted Freddie Gray to be brought into the police station to calm down.



FILE - In this June 10, 2016, file photo, Officer Caesar Goodson, center, leaves the courthouse after his trial in the death of Freddie Gray in Baltimore. A Baltimore police officer involved in arresting Freddie Gray, who later suffered a fatal injury during a police van ride, testified at the driver's disciplinary hearing Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 that Gray did not show any signs he needed medical care when he was first put into the van. Officer Edward Nero testified at the hearing for Officer Goodson, the van driver who could be fired for violating department policies in the case.

(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana, File)

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A full list of the Honda and Nissan Subject Vehicles can be found at [www.AutoAirbagSettlement.com](http://www.AutoAirbagSettlement.com). The Settlements do not involve claims of personal injury.

**What do the Settlements provide?** Honda and Nissan have agreed to Settlements with a combined value of approximately \$703 million, including a 10% credit for the Nissan Rental Car/Loaner Program and a 20% credit for

the Honda Enhanced Rental Car/Loaner Program. The Settlement Funds will be used to pay for Settlement benefits and cover the costs of the Settlements over an approximately four-year period.

The Settlements offer several benefits for Class Members, including (1) payments for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred related to a Takata airbag recall of a Subject Vehicle, (2) a Rental Car/Loaner Program while certain Subject Vehicles are awaiting repair, (3) an Outreach Program to maximize completion of the recall remedy, (4) additional cash payments to Class Members from residual settlement funds, if any remain, and (5) a Customer Support Program to help with repairs associated with affected Takata airbag inflators and their replacements. The Settlement website explains each of these benefits in detail.

**How can I get a Payment?** You must file a claim to receive a payment during the first four years of the Settlements. If you still own or lease a Subject Vehicle, you must also bring it to an authorized dealership for the recall remedy, as directed by a recall notice, if you have not already done so. Visit the website and file a claim online or download one and file by mail. The deadline to file a claim will be at least one year from the date the Settlements are finalized and will be posted on the website when it's known.

**What are my other options?** If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlements, you must exclude yourself by **January 8, 2018**. If you do not exclude yourself, you will release any claims you may have against Honda and Nissan, in exchange for certain settlement benefits. The potential available benefits are more fully described in the Settlements, available at the settlement website. You may object to the Settlements by **January 8, 2018**. You cannot both exclude yourself from, and object to, the Settlements. The Long Form Notices for each Settlement available on the website listed below explain how to exclude yourself or object. The Court will hold a fairness hearing on **February 7, 2018** to consider whether to finally approve the Settlements and a request for attorneys' fees of up to 30% of the total Settlement Amount and incentive awards of \$5,000 for each of the Class Representatives. You may appear at the fairness hearing, either by yourself or through an attorney hired by you, but you don't have to. For more information, including the relief, eligibility and release of claims, in English or Spanish, call or visit the website below.

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# I AM AVB A VICTORIOUS BEAUTY

Talofa! Greetings! All the way from Northern California!  
Our Cast and Staff are excited for our trip to American Samoa the first week of November 2017. We are truly blessed to have Choices Team working out the details to bring this simple and amazing Play/Monologue to our island. It has been said (in testimonies) that 'Choices' is Life-changing and empowers men and women to heal from their past. The testimonies speak loud. Our prayer is that American Samoa will be equally blessed by Choices.

Fa'afetai mo lenei avanoa e tatau ai. Ia maua luga pea le viiga ole Atua i mea uma tatou te faia!

**Isaiah 43:4** God's word says: "I AM PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT-ACCEPTED AND VALUED!" "AUA NA FA'APELEPELEINA OE E A'U, UA 'OU FA'AMAMALUINA AI OE."

On behalf of CHOICES Cast & Staff - We thank you all! Fiaau Lagi Toeaina, AVB

## CHOICES THE WOMAN IN THE MIRROR CAST



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#### A Victorious Beauty consist of:

- \* *Ladies Night* - hanging out on the streets at 9:00PM-12midnight with women of the night in prostitution, drug dealing, etc. Distribute care bags (hygiene items).
- \* *Pearl Status* - Middle School, High School, College - empowering young girls to know their worth in these turbulent times. Going against the flow of todays standard. Teaching morals, ethics, values and respect for authority.
- \* *Ageless Beauties* - Elderly Women in senior homes, convalescence homes, widows needing assistance. Building relationships and assist with errands and shopping.
- \* *Peculiar Princess* - Elementary School (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades) - program promotes good choices, to bring awareness of peer pressure, bullying, preparing for Middle School.
- \* *Dance & Drama* - Cultural and modern dances. Spreading positive messages through skits and spoken word.
- \* *Theatre Arts* -Play and Monologues to empower and impact with positive messages of real life (sexual abuse, depression, suicidal thoughts, mental health).
- \* *Voice Lessons:* Contact Eunice Felise @ [www.voiceswithnunu.com](http://www.voiceswithnunu.com)
- \* *EXQUISITE Women's Conference* (held annually every 1<sup>st</sup> week of May)

#### Future Goals:

- \* Women Rehabilitation Homes
- \* Women with Children Transition Homes
- \* Youth Sports Training Facility

### CHOICES "The Woman In The Mirror"

in American Samoa! November 10, 2017  
Rex Lee Auditorium in Utulei at 6:00PM



### CHOICES AMERICAN SAMOA TEAM

Choices American Samoa Team has been diligently working alongside with AVB to bring CHOICES-The Woman In The Mirror to the beautiful island Tutuila, American Samoa. Our prayers is to partner and collaborate with churches, schools, government, community based organizations and local businesses. As we build strong relationships together for this common goal is to succeed in bringing our community in unity.

If you would like to help with this event, donate or have any inquiries please contact our Choices American Samoa Team below:

Choices-American Samoa, P.O. Box 1231, Fagatogo, American Samoa 96799

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E momoli atu le fa'afetai tele i le 'aufaigaluega a le Atua, mamalu ole atunu'u i tupu ma e'e, ma le lautelega ole atunu'u. Fa'afetai i le 'au faipisinisi, ma matou pa'aga i le sapaapaiaina o lenei fa'amoemoe. Fa'amanuia tele le Atua.



**Friday November 10, 2017  
6 pm  
Lee Auditorium**

**Saturday November 11, 2017  
2 pm  
Kanana Fou Auditorium**

**Corporate Tables \$400  
Tickets \$25**







# Saini Kovana le pili na pasia Fono e sii ai totogi i luga Uafu

## tusia Ausage Fausia

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na sainia ai e le afioga i le ali'i Kovana ia Lolo Mata-lasi Moliga, se pili na pasia e le Fono Faitulafono, e sii ai totogi o tautua i luga o le uafu tele a le malo i Fagatogo, ma le fa'amoemoe e maua ai se isi vaega tupe fa'aopoopo mo le malo.

I lana tusi i ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono i le vaiaso na te'a nei, na taua ai e Lolo lona agaga fa'afetai, ina ua mafai ona pasia lenei tulafono taua.

Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, ua silia i le 30 tausaga e le i toe faia lava se siitaga i totogi o tautua i luga o le uafu a le malo, ma, talu mai le taimi uma, ua maitauina le si'itia i luga o le totogi o auunaga eseese o lo o fa'atinoina ai le tautua i luga o le uafu.

Sa ia taua atili e fa'apea, e pei ona aofia ai i taumafaiga a le malo ina ia saili auala e fa'aopoopo ai tupe maua mo le malo, o le siitia o le totogi o tautua i luga o le uafu, e le gata e si'itia ai tulaga i le auunaga a le uafu, ae o le a mafai ai fo'i ona fesoasoani i le malo i tulaga tau le tamaoaiga.

Na taua e Lolo i Ta'ita'i o le fono lona fa'anaunaga o lo o i ai, ina ia fa'aaau pea ona galulue fa'atasi le Fono Faitulafono ma le faigamalo i le lumana'i, mo le iloiloina o isi mataupu mo le manuia o le atunu'u.

O se tasi lenei o pili na taua e Lolo i le fonotaga ma lana Kapeneta i le 2 vaiaso talu ai o le a ia sainia e avea ma tulafono, ona o lona fa'anaunaga ia mafai ai ona maua ni isi vaega tupe fa'aopoopo mo le malo.

Sa ia fa'ailoa i lana Kapeneta, e le o pili uma ua pasia e le Fono na te sainia, ae o le a ia teena isi pili ma le fa'amoemoe ina ia toe faia i ai se teuteuga ina ia fa'aleleia atili ai, ona toe tuuina atu loa lea i luma o le Fono Faitulafono i le masina o Ianuari o le tausaga fou.

Na fa'ailoa e Lolo i lana Kapeneta, le mae'a lea ona latou feiloa'i ma Ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono mo le fa'amanoina o le mataupu e fa'atatau i pili tupe sa tuuina atu e le faigamalo, lea ua pasia isi ae o lo o taoto ai pea lava i le Fono isi pili.

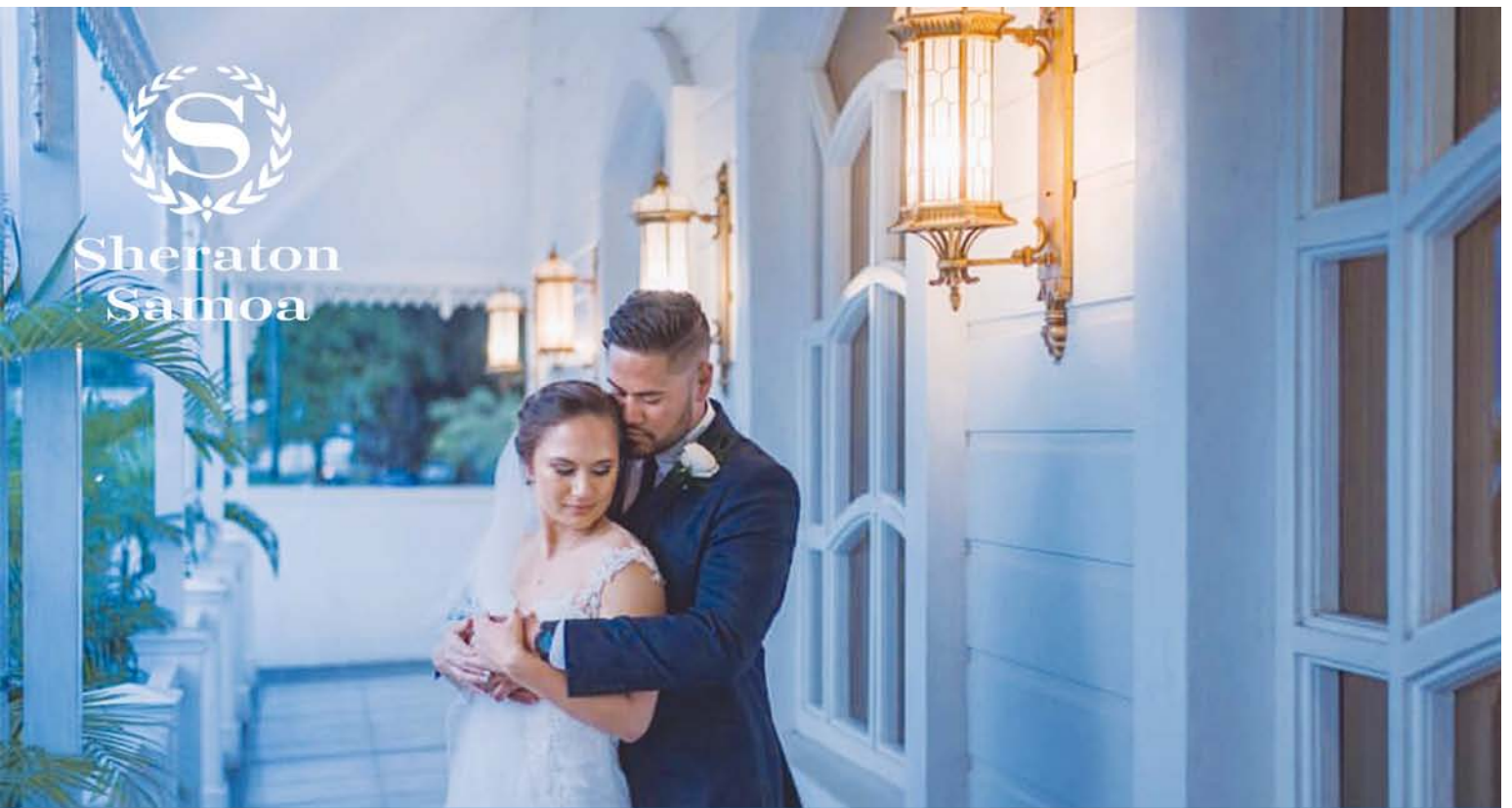
Saunoa Lolo e fa'apea, ua mae'a ona latou malilie fa'atasi ma Ta'ita'i o le Fono Faitulafono, ina ia toe fai se teuteuga i pili tupe ia o le a teena, ona toe tuuina atu ai loa lea i luma o le Fono Faitulafono i le tausaga fou, e toe galulue i ai afioga i Senatoa ma Faipule.

Sa ia fa'ailoa atili lona fa'anaunaga atoa sa i ai, i le pasia lea e le Fono Faitulafono o le pili mo le lafoga o oloa e 7% (sales tax), ona o iina lea sa fa'amoemoe e tatau ona maua mai i ai se isi alaga tupe feololo mo le malo, peita'i, e ese fo'i le finagalo o le Fono Faitulafono ina ua taunu'u atu le tulafono, ese fo'i le tulaga sa i ai le finagalo o le faigamalo.

E ui o ia tulaga, na taua e le ali'i Kovana lona fa'aaloaloga o le fa'aiuga a le Fono Faitulafono ua faia.



Alo o Amerika Samoa ua fa'au'u mai nei i le North Park University: Stephen Maifea ma Chaun Maiava. Malo le taumafai malo fo'i le tauata'i. Tagai i le lomiga i lenei aso i le Le Lali mo le tala atoa. [ata: foa'i]



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### Tautoga Package

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- Choice of venue (With Wedding Arch, Aisle Set Up & Signing Table)
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# TALA O FAAMASINOGA

tusia Ausage Fausia

## TETE'E SE FAFINE I TU'UAIGA O LE GAOI

O le aso 29 Tesema lea ua fa'atulaga e faia ai le ulua'i iloilogaga o le mataupu o lo o tu'uia ai se Tina i le moliaga o le gaoi, i le mae'a ai lea ona ia teena i tu'uiaiga a le malo fa'asaga ia te ia i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga i le vaiaso na te'a nei.

O lo o tu'uiaiga e le malo ia Oketi Polevia i le moliaga mamafa e tasi o le gaoi, o se solitulafono C i le fa'atulagaina o solitulafono mamafa, lea e mafai ona fa'asala ai se tasi i le toese mo le umi e le silia i le 7 tausaga, pe fa'asala fo'i i le salatupe e le silia i le \$5,000, poo le fa'asala fo'i i fa'asalaga uma ia e lua. O le ali'i loia fautua ia Michael White lea o lo o tula'i mo Polevia, na fa'aleoina le tali tete'e a le ua molia i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga, ina ua tula'i i le vaiaso na te'a nei mo lana ulua'i iloilogaga.

O le moliaga e pei ona tu'uia ai Polevia, na afua mai i se fa'alavelave na alia'e mai i ni nai masina e le i mamao atu, lea o lo o tu'uia ai o ia e le malo i lona gaioia mai o ni oloa mai se faleoloa ma le fa'amoemoe e fa'aaoga mo ia lava.

E pei ona taua e le malo i le latou tagi, e silia i le \$1,000 le tau aofa'i o oloa sa gaioia mai le faleoloa na a'afia, o le vaega tupe fo'i lea o lo o fa'amoemoe le malo e finau i le fa'amasinoga ina ia toe totogi e le ua molia, pe afai ae taunu'u atu lana mataupu i le fa'aiuga.

E \$5,000 le aofa'i o le tupe na fa'atulaga e le afoaga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Fiti Sunia e tatala ai i tua Polevia, ae i le mae'a ai o le fa'amasinoga i le talosaga

a le ali'i loia fautua ia Ryan Nelson, lea sa avea ma loia a Polevia i luma o le fa'amasinoga fa'aitumalo, na faia ai loa e le afoaga a Sunia le fa'aiuga ina ia fa'aititia le tupe e tatala ai le ua molia i le \$2,500.

O se tasi o itu na fa'amamafa e Nelson i lana talosaga, o le mana'omia lea o Polevia i lona aiga mo le fa'asusuina o lana pepe o lo o i ai. Na taua e le ali'i loia e fa'apea, talu lava ona taofia Polevia i le toese, o lo o fa'aaauu pea ona faia e le Tama o le aiga le galuega matua, o le pu'e o le pasi e o ai ma le pepe i le falepuipui ina ia fafaga ma fa'asusu e lona Tina.

O lo o taofia pea Polevia i le toese i Tafuna i le taimi nei, ina ua le mafai ona ia totogiina le \$2,500 na fa'atulaga e le fa'amasinoga. Ae afai e mafai ona tatala o ia i tua, ua matua fa'asa o ia ona toe tuvae i le faleoloa na a'afia i lana solitulafono, le faleoloa o le Vaiala Store.

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O le ali'i Inisinia lea na tu'uia e le malo i lona sainia fa'agaioi o se siaki a se faleoloa e aunoa ma se fa'atanaga a le Pule o le faleoloa, sosoo ai ma lona sola ina ua aga'i atu Leoleo e pu'e fa'apagota o ia, ua ia ta'utino i luma o le Fa'amasinoga Maualuga i le vaiaso na te'a nei, e moni ma fa'amaoni tu'uiaiga uma fa'asaga ia te ia.

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I le tagi lona lua, na tu'uia ai o ia i moliaga mamafa e 2 e aofia ai le taumafai e gaioi, sola ese mai leoleo, fa'apea ai ma moliaga mama e 2 o le fa'aoolima i le tulaga tolu.

Ae i lalo o se maliliega na sainia e Amituana'i ma le malo, lea fo'i ua talia e le fa'amasinoga maualuga, ua ia tali ioe ai i le moliaga mamafa o le faia o fa'amaumuga tau fa'asese mai le tagi muamua, ma le moliaga o le sola ese ma Leoleo mai le tagi lona lua.

I le tali ioe ai o Amituana'i i le moliaga o le faia o fa'amaumuga tau fa'asese, sa ia ta'utino ai e fa'apea, i se taimi o le aso 28 Me i Amerika Samoa, sa ia sainia fa'agaioi ai le sainia a le ali'i Pule o le faleoloa a le Gold Conda i luga o se siaki a le faleoloa sa ia gaioia, ma ia alu ua tala e aunoa ma se fa'atanaga mai le ali'i pule.

Ae mo le moliaga o lona sola ese mai Leoleo, sa ia ta'utino ai fo'i e fa'apea, i se taimi o le aso 11 Iulai i Amerika Samoa, ina ua ia iloa o lo o aga'i atu Leoleo e pu'e fa'apagota o ia, na ia sola ese ai mai lana ta'avale i se saosasoa uiga ese, ma le fa'amoemoe ia aua ne'i maua o ia e Leoleo.

Ae na avea lona sola ese i lana ta'avale i se saosasoa uiga ese ma itu na toetiti ai lava fetoi lana ta'avale ma isi ta'avale i luga o le auala, atoa ai ma le tau lavevea ai o tagata savavali.

Na ta'utino Amituana'i e fa'apea, o lana gaioiga sa faia i aso e pei ona taua, sa le tusa lea ma ala o le tulafono. O lo o taofia pea o ia i le toese i Tafuna e fa'atali ai le aso 28 Novema lea ua fa'atulaga e lau ai lana fa'asalaga.



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[ata foa'i]

# TALA I VAIFANUA

## tusia: Leua Aiono Frost AU USO "BISHOP BROTHERS" TAUTUA I LE US ARMY

Ua mae'a ona fa'au'u mai le taumafaiga a le ali'i talavou o So'oula Sione Bishop o Aunu'u, Alofa'u & Fasito'outa i lana ulua'i koleniga fa'apitoo mo le US Army, lea sa auai atu ai mo le tolu masina i Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Peita'i, o le fa'aiuga o le vaiaso na te'a, le aso Tofi ma le aso Faraile, sa fa'atautaia ai loa le fa'au'uga o i latou uma na autova'a fa'atasi i Fort Sill mo latou BCT ma o se tasi o alo o Amerika Samoa sa malaga atu,

So'oula Sione Bishop na lalamua i lea fo'i fa'au'uga.

Ua le gata ia te ia lea, ae sa i ai ma nisi fo'i alo o le atunuu sa au ai fa'atasi mo BCT i South Carolina.

O le uso o PV2 Bishop, So'oula Sione, le ali'i matua o Tony Bishop, sa malaga ane i le nofoaga o lo'o tiute ai mai Kansas City ina ia fa'atasi ma So'oula i lona fa'au'uga. Ona o Tony ua atoa le 3 tausaga o lana tautua i le US Army, ua mae'a fo'i ona malaga i South Korea mo ona tiute fa'apitoo, ua maua ai e ia lea avanoa e fa'amalosia ai i si ona uso la'ititi lea o le a malaga i Fort (Faaauau itulau 19)



Vaaga i fa'afiafiaga tuufa'atasi e le vaega o le "single young adults" a le Ekalesia Mamona i Ottoville i se fa'atasiga lata mai nei.

[ata: FS]

# E LE O OE O SE SULI MONI ▶ Tala i Vaifanua...

Mai itulau 18

by Sam - Vaega 93

E leai ma se isi o le aiga na gagana ina ua uma ona lau e le fafine o Lucy tusitusiga o loo tusia i totonu o le card sa i totonu o le teutusi.

Ua na o le tau fai tilotilo solo o le isi i le tasi.

Ua tilotilo atu le tama'ita'i o Ianeta i ona matua, ae ua tilotilo atu fo'i i ai ona matua, ona fai ai lava lea o le gaioiga lea a le aiga mo ni nai sekone, ae na fa'ateia i latou ina ua fa'apea atu se leo malu, "O le a se meainu e mana'omia mo lo outou aiga", na faliu le tamaloa o Meki i ona tafatafa ma ia vaaia ai le tama'ita'i faigaluega o le fale'aiga, o loo tu atu i tafatafa o le laulau lea o loo nonofo ai lo latou aiga i totonu o le fale'aiga, ma lana toniga ua manaia ma ua leva ona sauni o ia e auauna atu mo le latou aiga.

Na ata le tamaloa o Meki, ona fa'apea atu lea i le tama'ita'i faigaluega, "Aumai ni fagu juice se 3 mo matou fa'amolemole lava".

Na luelue le ulu o le tama'ita'i faigaluega, ona faliu lea ma savali aga'i i tua, ao le aiga o Meki i le taimi lea, ua alu le latou tali-e, e pei o se mea malie lea sa tupu, i le umi ona latou fetilofa'i solo ae galo ai le teine faigaluega ua leva ona tu i o latou tafatafa mo le fa'amauiina i lalo o le latou oka.

"O le a sou manatu i le tusi lea na e faitauina", o le fesili tofotofa atu lea a Meki i lona to'alua, ae o le fafine o Lucy, ua na o le nofo ma fa'anunumi lona muaulu, e pei o loo taumate e tupua faigata.

Na faliu le fafine i ona tafatafa o loo nofo ai Ianeta, ona ia fesili lea i ai, "Ae o le a sou manatu siaula Ianeta i l tusi lea na ou faitauina, o le a le uiga o lenei tusi." Na vaaia e Ianeta foliga o ona matua, e foliga mai o lo o i ai se tali o loo la fia fa'alogi ai lava mai ia te ia, aemaise ai, o loo fa'ai'u le tusi

a Laneselota i le talanoaina lea o se mataupu taua e fa'atatau ia te ia.

Na ata Ianeta ona faapea atu lea i ona matua, "Vaai oulua nai o'u matua peleina, e i ai lo'u talitonuga na o a'u, atonu ua fia talanoa mai Laneselota ia te oulua mo se mafutaga fa'aleuo ma a'u nei, ae o le a mautinoa atili le agaga o le ali'i milionea pe afai tatou te feiloa'i i le afiafi nanei."

O le tali atu lea a Ianeta i le fesili a lona tina, ae fetau loa ma le fo'i ane o le tama'ita'i faigaluega ma a latou fagu juice, sosoo atu ai lava ma le oka o le latou taumafataga mo le aoauli, ma vaaia ai loa le aai fiafia o le ulugali'i ma le la tama ina ua mae'a mai le fa'auuga sa latou fa'atasi atu i ai.

I le ogatotonu o le taligasua a le aiga, na fa'afuase'i ai ona fesili Ianeta i se fesili na tau le mafai e ona matua ona tali, "Aisea lava ua filifili ai e Laneselota a'u e fai ma tagata e fiafia i ai.

Ae a ou vaavaai atu i le to'atele o tama'ita'i papa'e o loo latou feofeoa'i ma tala-talanoa, ona ou manatu ai lava lea o a'u, ua na o a'u lava o se tama'ita'i fa'atauva'a, mativa ma le taualoa, ua na o a'u o se tama'ita'i meauli sa ola mai i se olaga pologa."

Na fa'afuase'i ona le 'ai a le tamaloa o Meki, ona aapa atu lea i le solo pepa ua aumai ma solo ai ona gutu ma ona lima, e foliga mai o se lauga o se fa'aulufalega lea o le a alo atu i ai.

Na vaaia e Meki foliga le mautonu o si ona afafine ina ua fa'atoa mae'a ona fai lana fa'amatalaga e fa'atusatusa ai o ia ma le ali'i o Laneselota. "Vaai oe Ianeta, atonu e sa'o lava oe i ou mafaufauga.

E fa'apena fo'i o'u manatu i le tele o taimi, a ou nofo ma vaavaai i lo'u tagata ma fa'atusatusa i isi tagata o le gal-

uega, ona ou faapea lea, ua na o a'u lava o se tagata fa'atauva'a toe le taualoa. Ae i le silafaga a le Atua, e tutusa ai tagata uma i lona alofa. O ai na iloa o se agelu lenei tama o Laneselota," E lei uma lelei atu le tala lea a Meki ae vaaia le tau fai togi atu o ulu o laneta ma le fafine o Lucy ia te ia, e foliga mai ua tete'i i lana fa'amatalaga.

"Ua mafua ona ou fai atu atonu o Laneselota o se agelu, e na o le agelu a le Atua na te faia gaioiga faapenei, o lona alofa i soo se tagata, tusa lava poo le a le manatu o le lalolagi i lona tagata.

Ou te iloa, afai o se manatu lea o loo ia Laneselota, o le avea o oe la'u pele Ianeta ma ana uo, atonu o le finagalo fo'i lea o le Atua."



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O So'oula na amata ana aoa'oga i le A.P. Lutali Elementary, soso'o ma Fagaitua High School lea na fa'au'u ai ia Iuni 2017.

O'o ane e su'e lana suega o le ASVAB ma pasia e ia o togi e ulufale ai i le US Army. Na tu'ua e i latou ma isi uma o le latou au tauto i le vaega au Amerika Samoa ia Aokuso mo latou a'oa'oga fa'apitoa BCT.

O ia lea sa a'otauina i Fort Sill ma se tasi o tama'ita'i Samoa PV2 Aga. Ua pasia fa'atasi e i la'ua lea koleniga. PV2 Bishop o se atali'i e fa'asino i le susuga Fulu Bishop ma Vi'iga Lemafa Bishop o Aunu'u, Alofa ma Fasito'outa Samoa.

O nisi o alo na fa'au'u mai South Carolina e aofia ai: PVT Togi, Litara mai Aoloau, Pvt Nonu, Pvt Vaovasa, Pvt Su'a ma Pvt, Mulitalo. Fa'amalo lava le taumafai i mea lelei i alo o Amerika Samoa i vaega au.

**MAIFEA & MAIAVA - FA'AU'U NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY**

O nisi o alo o Amerika Samoa ua fa'au'u mai i le Iunivesite o North Park i Foster Avenue, Chigago, Illinois, ua fa'ailoa mai ai le ali'i o Stephen Maifea ma Chaun Maiava.

O i la'ua nei e ta'a'alo uma i le Football, ma e fa'alua ona maua e Maiava le All-College Conference ao le'i fa'au'u nei.

O nei alo o Amerika Samoa sa a'o'oga uma i le A'oga Maualuga a Tafuna, ma o lo'o fa'auau pea ona ta'a'alo i la'ua i le Football a'o i ai i lea Iunivesite.

Ua fiafia nei aiga ona o le fa'amanuiga ua maua e nei fanau, ua fa'aiu ma le manuia taumafaiga i aoa'oga ae maise o lo'o ta'a'alo mo le 'au a le Vikings i le vaega a le Defense i

le tulaga o le line backer.

O Maiava o le alo e fa'asino ia Tuavao Vaimaga, Sui Komesina o le matagaluega o Leoleo a le tatou malo, ma le tina o Tumafua Maiava mai Iiili ma Afonotele. Na fa'au'u mai Tafina High i le tausaga e 2014.

I se fa'amatalaga a le ali'i o Chaun Maiava sa ia fa'ailoa mai, "Ou te fa'afetaia le alofa o le Atua i le taumafaiga, ae le'i faigofie lava nei tausaga talu mai ona tu'ua aiga ma matua pele. E i ai taimi e lugaluga ai le tai i tauviga tau a'oa'oga, ae le mafai ona galo ai le fa'amalosia'au mai a matua, e toe fa'amanatu ia taumafai atili ae a se lumana'i manuia e toe aoga atu ai i nai o tatou malo, nu'u ma aiga ae maise le galuega a le Atua."

"O le isi mea e matua lu'ia ai lo ta olaga taumafai, ona o le va'ai atu i isi uso Polenisia, ae maise lava tagata mai Tonga, i lo latou fo'i taumafai ia manuia latou sailiga atamai ma le fa'atupega lea e fa'auualu mai i le ta'alo fa'atauva i le football. O i latou ia e fai ma lu'i e mafua ai ona le fia toilalo le loto ma le taumafaiga, ae saili malo atili ai!"

I lona taimi na ta'alo ai i le Vikings a le North Park University, sa fa'alua lelei ona siakia o ia e le NFL ma ua ia lagona lava, e tauau e manuia sana taumafaiga mo le avea ai ma se tasi e ta'alo football i le NFL pe a mae'a lona fa'au'uga lenei.

O loo taumafai e feso'ota'i tasi ma ia, pe o tua ma ni a fo'i lea itu o lana taumafaiga.

O Maifea o se tasi o alo e fa'asino i matua matutua o Samuelu ma Malu mai Nuuli, ma sa auai atu le uso o si ona tina o Salamasina Nomura Mcmoore Tuamoheloa ma lona to'alua ina ia fa'aula o ia i lona fa'au'uga. O si ona tina pele o Natasha McMoore lea sa ia fa'ao'o maia le ata o nei fanau Amerika Samoa mai Chigago.



O le isi vaega o le fanau na latou malaga fa'atasi lea sa aga'i i Fort Jackson South Carolina, ua fa'amanuaina fo'i lo latou taumafai i a latou BCT ma ua fa'au'u fo'i i le aso Faraile na te'a nei. O i latou nei i le fa'asologa: Pvt Nonu, Pvt Vaovasa, Pvt Su'a, Pvt Litara Togi & Pvt Mulitalo.

[ata foai]



FILE - In a Jan. 11, 2017 file photo, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., left, and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. arrive on Capitol Hill in Washington. McConnell says Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, that fellow Sen. Rand Paul's absence while recovering from an assault in which his neighbor is charged creates another challenge in what's become a daily "Maalox moment" while trying to keep together his slim Republican majority. (AP Photo/Zach Gibson, File)

# Attorney: Sen. Paul attack was over 'trivial' dispute

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — An assault of U.S. Sen. Rand Paul by a longtime next-door neighbor was not motivated by political differences but by a dispute “most people would find trivial,” an attorney for the man charged in the attack said Monday.

Attorney Matt Baker did not say what dispute prompted the attack that stunned the Bowling Green community and left Paul, 54, with five broken ribs.

Police charged 59-year-old Rene Boucher with misdemeanor fourth-degree assault with a minor injury. Records show he was released from jail on Saturday on a \$7,500 bond. He has not returned multiple calls seeking comment.

Boucher and Paul have been neighbors for 17 years, the attorney said. Paul is an ophthalmologist and Boucher is an anesthesiologist. Baker called them “both prominent members of the medical community” who “worked together when they were both practicing physicians.”

“The unfortunate occurrence of Nov. 3 has absolutely nothing to do with either’s politics or political agendas. It was a very regrettable dispute between two neighbors over a matter that most people would regard as trivial,” Baker said in an email to The Associated Press. “We sincerely hope that Sen. Paul is doing well and that these two gentlemen can get back to being neighbors as quickly as possible.”

Baker said in an interview later, “This is just a profoundly unfortunate set of circumstances that I’m sure that if everyone had it to do over again, it would be done completely differently.” He declined to say what might have triggered the incident, adding he thinks he has a “pretty good idea.”

“I’d like to do my due diligence before I’m any more spe-

cific,” Baker said.

Doug Stafford, Paul’s senior adviser, called the case a “serious criminal matter involving state and federal authorities.” He has said the attack could potentially lead to “life-threatening injuries.”

State police asked at least one reporter to leave the gated neighborhood Monday afternoon.

A friend of Paul’s told The Washington Post that the senator was mowing his lawn at the time of the attack. According to an arrest warrant, Paul told police Boucher came onto his property and tackled him from behind, forcing him to the ground.

Stafford said Paul’s injuries were caused by “high velocity severe force.” He said it’s unclear when Paul could return to work. He said Paul is in considerable pain and having trouble getting around.

Baker said Boucher didn’t suffer any injuries.

Paul’s absence from the Senate creates another challenge for a slim Republican majority that’s caused heartburn for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. On Monday, McConnell wished his fellow Kentuckian a speedy recovery and said the GOP “need all hands on deck, all the time.”

“Every day’s a Maalox moment,” McConnell joked, before turning serious about the ramifications of having a Republican member away from the Senate for a prolonged time.

“I’ve got a 52 to 48 majority, and as you saw on several occasions, we’re not always totally in lockstep,” he said. “Anytime we have a senator on our side who’s not there, it’s potentially a challenge.”

Asked if he might have to delay some votes, McConnell said: “I haven’t had a chance to check with him (Paul) yet today about it.”

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## California inmates sought in brazen courthouse escape

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two men charged with tying up employees at gunpoint during a cellphone store robbery made a dramatic escape Monday from a suburban Silicon Valley courthouse, fleeing in a car waiting outside for them, officials said.

The escape by Tramel McClough, 46, and John Bivins, 47, appeared to be orchestrated, and investigators were trying to determine how they got away from a sheriff’s deputy who had been guarding them, the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department said in a statement.

The two, who are consid-

ered dangerous, escaped from a deputy escorting them through a public hallway outside a courtroom where McClough and Bivins had been brought for a hearing around 9:30 a.m., Sgt. Reggie Cooks said. They ran through an emergency exit, down stairs and outside to a waiting car, Cooks said. They abandoned the car a few blocks away for a U-Haul moving van, Cooks said. People were asked to call police if they see them but not to approach them.

A handcuff key and discarded restraints were found nearby, Cooks said.

“The level of sophistication and brazenness it takes for the individuals to do that — that is why we’re calling on the public and other allied agencies to help,” Cooks told reporters.

The Palo Alto Police Department said on Twitter that the men were believed to have left the area in a vehicle and officers were not searching for them in the city, which is home to numerous technology companies and Stanford University. The two men live in neighboring East Palo Alto.

Officials said they were held without bail after robbing a Verizon store of \$64,000 in merchandise in February. Police have said they tied up the store employees, forced one to open a safe and were arrested a short time later after a car chase.

This undated, combination photo released by the Santa Clara County Department of Corrections shows Tramel McClough, left, and John Bivins, right. Authorities say the two jail-inmates, McClough and Bivins, charged with tying up employees at gunpoint during a cellphone store robbery made a dramatic escape Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, from a suburban Silicon Valley courthouse, fleeing in a car waiting outside for them, officials said. (Santa Clara County Department of Corrections via AP)

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# Man arrested in videotaped threat to California university

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A man who posted videos of himself holding guns and smiling while describing his desire to go on a killing rampage has been arrested after threatening a staff member at a private university in Southern California that he attended, authorities said Monday.

David Kenneth Smith, 39, pleaded not guilty to a charge of making criminal threats after authorities received a report about an email exchange he had with a staff member at Soka University in Aliso Viejo last week. Smith had been emailing the employee about discipline he faced for marijuana use when he attended the university in 2008. He then sent a link to a YouTube video showing him in a bathtub with a semi-automatic pistol on his chest speaking about the school, said Jaimee Blashaw, a spokeswoman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

In the video, Smith said college employees "never liked me" and described being repeatedly fined for residence hall violations and accused of stealing another student's belongings. He said he filed complaints with the school against several employees, including a dean.

Investigators said Smith had posted other videos of himself holding weapons and speaking of his desire to kill. Smith was arrested Friday, and authorities recovered nine loaded weapons registered to him. "There were multiple videos of him talking about killing sprees, and in several videos, he's carrying a firearm," Blashaw said. "The threat was credible enough."

In another video on his YouTube page, posted last week and titled, "What Good Does Killing Ever Do?" Smith talked about how a "killing spree" would be better than taking his own life, as he said his father had done.



In this Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 photo, Ranya Taha stands behind her restaurant, Petra Mediterranean, which was destroyed in a fire in Wichita, Kan.. Some graffiti with the words "Go Back" were sprayed on a nearby storage unit behind the restaurant. Taha, who has lived in Wichita for 16 years, is from Syria. Federal investigators have been called in following a fire at a Kansas restaurant run by a Middle Eastern family. (Travis Heying/The Wichita Eagle via AP)

# Officials: Fire at Middle Eastern restaurant was intentional

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Federal investigators have determined that a fire last week at a Kansas restaurant run by a Middle Eastern family was intentionally set.

The Petra Mediterranean Restaurant in Wichita was destroyed Wednesday. The words "Go back" were painted on a nearby storage unit.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering a \$5,000 reward for information about the fire.

The FBI, which investigates hate crimes, was notified last week.

The restaurant's owners, Ranya Taha and Bashar Mahanweh, said last week that they thought the fire might have been a hate crime. They also said the community has rallied around them and they have lived in Wichita for years and have always found the community to be loving and supportive.

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10 : am	00' K-pop World Festival	10' Hollo Counselor (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	30' Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama "Big Man" (E,R)			00'	2017 K-pop World Festival in Changwon	"Big Man" (E,R)		
12 NOON	00' Music Bank (E,R)	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)		K-RUSH (E,R)					
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)			Heritage Tomorrow (E,R)				
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Mad Dog Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)			K-RUSH (E,R)	30'	
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama "Big Man" (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	Battle Trip (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	30'
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama "Big Man" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R) Final	The Return of Superman (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama "Big Man" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	00'
6 : pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)			K-RUSH (E,R)			Hollo Counselor (E,R)	20'
7 : pm	40' Food Odyssey (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Music Bank (Live)	Happy Together (E,R)	40'	2017 K-pop World Festival in Changwon		40'
8 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	The Return of Superman	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
9 : pm	40' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)			Heritage Tomorrow (E,R)			Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	40'
10 : pm	20' Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)	KBS 9 News (Live)			KBS 9 News (Live)			My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)	20'
11 : pm	00' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E)	Mad Dog Wed-Thu Drama (E)				Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	30'
12 : 00	30' Hollo Counselor (E)	The Return of Superman	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)				
Next Day	20' Encore Drama "Big Man" (E)	Heritage Tomorrow			50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'	
1 : am	40' Food Odyssey (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	The Beauty (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	10'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
2 : am	40' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
3 : am	20' Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Witch's Court Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Mad Dog Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)				"Big Man" (E,R)	The Beauty (E)	00'
4 : am	30' Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Return of Superman	Quiz on Korea 2017	Happy Together	Music Bank (E,R)		Guerilla Date (E)		

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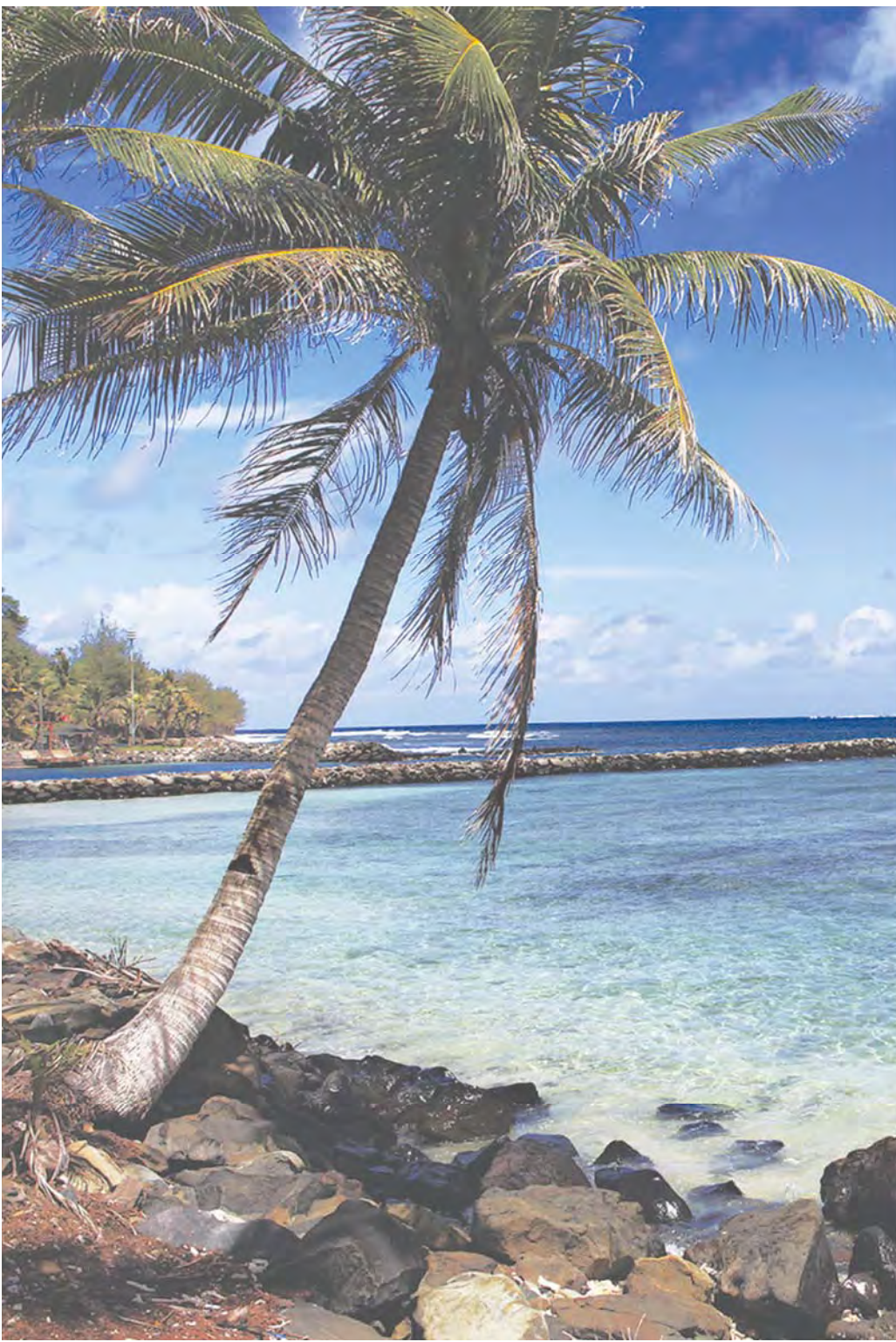
	TEACHER	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL/ DEPARTMENT
1	Savalivali Vasega	Faleasao Elementary School	L-1
2	Ramona Mata'u	Le'atele Elementary School	L-8
3	Sinatulaga Musa	Fagali'i Elementary School	ECE
4	Ana Saleutogi	Manulele Elementary School	SPED
5	Tolutasi Fale	Masefau Elementary School	L-8
6	Honey Auelua	Mt. Alava Elementary School	L-3
7	Sitagata Malae	Olosega Elementary School	L-1 & L-2
8	Maluelue Toli	Tafuna Elementary School	L-7 Social Studies
9	Faaleagalealaimaota Lotulelei	Lupelele Elementary School	K5

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### October 2017 Perfect Attendance

NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL							
Sikoloni Dolly	Alofau Elementary	L1	Gutu Loia	Masefau Elementary	L7	Paopao-Letalie Therisa	Tafuna Elementary	K5	
Faupusa Taufu'a	Alofau Elementary	L7	Fale Tolutasi	Masefau Elementary	L8	Iti Claire	Tafuna Elementary	K5	
Musa Sinatulaga	Fagali Elementary	ECE	Tulafono Andrea	Mt. Alava Elementary	ECE	Masina Seulata	Tafuna Elementary	L1	
Tuiolemotu Oloa Osooso	Fagali Elementary	L8	Alaelua Honey	Mt. Alava Elementary	L3	Sefo Valelia	Tafuna Elementary	L1	
Vasega Savalivali	Faleasao Elementary	L1	Danielson Motusalaia	Mt. Alava Elementary	L6	Ino Toaiva	Tafuna Elementary	L1	
Eneliko Irae	Faleasao Elementary	L7	Gasolo Lafaele	Mt. Alava Elementary	L7	Sionesini Keneti	Tafuna Elementary	L2	
Lauama James	Le'atele Elementary	L4	West Cathy	Mt. Alava Elementary	SPED	Uale Faiai Daisy	Tafuna Elementary	L2	
Mageo Elijah	Le'atele Elementary	L6	Tauai Vaisala	Olosega Elementary	K5	Poi Lualua New Year	Tafuna Elementary	L2	
Mata'u Ramona	Le'atele Elementary	L8	Malae Sitagata	Olosega Elementary	L1 & L2	Fuimaono Daniel	Tafuna Elementary	L3	
Lotulelei Fa'aleagaalaimaota	Lupelele Elementary	K5	Krishnan Aditi	Olosega Elementary	L6	Savali Athena	Tafuna Elementary	L3	
Von Dinklage Helen	Lupelele Elementary	K5	Isimasi Maggie	Olosega Elementary	L7 & L8	Sunu'i Vaisa'asa'a	Tafuna Elementary	L3	
Mckenzie Osana	Lupelele Elementary	L1	Fa'i Alo	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Sialega Marieta	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Miles Tina	Lupelele Elementary	L3	Taalafaaluaiaiga Leinati	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Taala Naomi	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Talataina Ilena	Lupelele Elementary	L3	Semau Maewace	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Sami Fegutua'i	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Vai Anamarie	Lupelele Elementary	L3	Taliga Mele	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Falemalama Herbert	Tafuna Elementary	L4	
Letalu Asofaafetai	Lupelele Elementary	L4	Faagu Siumalae	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Ameperosa Katerina	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
Tanielu Manatua	Lupelele Elementary	L5	Leleisiuao Talatufi	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	O'Brien Desmond	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
Tasila Tasila	Lupelele Elementary	L6	Brown Tuaoitau	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Semou Emmerine	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
Maeva Jay	Lupelele Elementary	L7	Brown Risati	Pavaiai Elementary	ECE	Moliga Shirley	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
Taatasi Folola	Lupelele Elementary	L8	Mara Safuifatu	Pavaiai Elementary	K5	Ulutu Daru	Tafuna Elementary	L5	
Fepuleai Alieta	Lupelele Elementary	L8	Wanjau Ruta	Pavaiai Elementary	K5	Atafua Poto	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
Maui Kilisitina	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Iuli Marlene	Pavaiai Elementary	L1	Matai Toe	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
Misivila Sophia	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Vine Akenese	Pavaiai Elementary	L1	Chanel Lene	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
Taape Pauline	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Ioanen Ailepata	Pavaiai Elementary	L2	Tuiolemotu Toetu	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
Sagatu Delphina	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Tauvela Antonina	Pavaiai Elementary	L2	Harrington Vi	Tafuna Elementary	L6	
Moliga-Eli Saiaulama	Lupelele Elementary	SPED	Tufele Elizabeth	Pavaiai Elementary	L2	Toli Maluelue	Tafuna Elementary	L7	
Logologo Elena	Lupelele Elementary	ECE	Pula Tofoipupu	Pavaiai Elementary	L2	Manuma Paul	Tafuna Elementary	L7	
Faapouli Puatania	Manulele Elementary	K5	Siavii Eleanor	Pavaiai Elementary	L2	Timoteo Falanika	Tafuna Elementary	L7	
Taliu Masina	Manulele Elementary	K5	Malele Senetenari	Pavaiai Elementary	L3	Alofaituli Konelio	Tafuna Elementary	L8	
Tuasivi Fiasoso	Manulele Elementary	K5	Fonotia Ropeta	Pavaiai Elementary	L3	Taufetee Avaloa	Tafuna Elementary	L8	
Vaimasanuu Sesilia	Manulele Elementary	K5	Dec Sara	Pavaiai Elementary	L3	Lefotu Dora	Tafuna Elementary	L8	
Fauolo Fili	Manulele Elementary	L1	Villarica Lilibeth	Pavaiai Elementary	L4	Atuatasi Lisha	Tafuna Elementary	SPED	
Leupolu Liutautai	Manulele Elementary	L1	Vala Janet	Pavaiai Elementary	L4	Tali Timoteo	Tafuna Elementary	SPED	
Samuelu Virginia	Manulele Elementary	L2	Taase Asenati	Pavaiai Elementary	L4	Faalemiga Malualagi	Tafuna Elementary	SPED	
LauilefueFilemoni	Manulele Elementary	L3	Ailima Elepise	Pavaiai Elementary	L4	Maria Ioane	Tafuna Elementary	SPED	
Mao Elena	Manulele Elementary	L3	Banse Talatufi L.	Pavaiai Elementary	L5	Meleisea Vincent	Tafuna Elementary	SPED	
Bryck Bridget	Manulele Elementary	L4	Faumaina Henipira	Pavaiai Elementary	L5	Uikirifi Tagiilima	Manu'a HS	SPED	
Tuiasosopo Lucille	Manulele Elementary	L5	Perez Sylvina	Pavaiai Elementary	L5	Bauder Anna	Manu'a HS	English	
Kiviat Alison	Manulele Elementary	L6	Laumoli Ropati	Pavaiai Elementary	L5	Nascimento Leticia	Manu'a HS	Math	
Ho Ching Cayla	Manulele Elementary	L7	Ofagalilo Faustine	Pavaiai Elementary	L5	Ndahiriwe Orpheus	Manu'a HS	Science	
Iopu Moeitai	Manulele Elementary	L7	Tuigamala Nancy	Pavaiai Elementary	L6	Tarantino Amanda	NVTHS	English	
Stowers Nellie	Manulele Elementary	L7	Malaga Liamarie	Pavaiai Elementary	L6	Esau Eleanor	NVTHS	English	
Padaca Edison	Manulele Elementary	L8	Ili Robertson	Pavaiai Elementary	L7	Borres Ailen	NVTHS	Science	
Migo Faatamalii	Manulele Elementary	L8	Eves Clarinette	Pavaiai Elementary	L7	Sagliocca Alison	NVTHS	Science	
Lavatai Cameo	Manulele Elementary	L8	Toilolo Aolele	Pavaiai Elementary	L7	Lobendahn William	NVTHS	Science	
Autele Uatea	Manulele Elementary	SPED	Lago Sinalua	Pavaiai Elementary	L7	Matagi Fesilafa'i	NVTHS	Math	
McFall Wesley	Manulele Elementary	SPED	Gulapa Jovita	Pavaiai Elementary	L8	McCourt Robert	NVTHS	Math	
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Fetui Suikonesula	Manulele Elementary	SPED	Lavaka Veisia	Pavaiai Elementary	SPED	Borja Evangeline	NVTHS	Business	
Faatau Sulugia	Manulele Elementary	SPED	Ioka Karen	Pavaiai Elementary	SPED	Currie Totoa	NVTHS	Agriculture	
Barja Maria Theresa	Manulele Elementary	SPED	Aneki Logoipulotu	Siliaga Elementary	ECE	Pati Iosia	NVTHS	Electronics	
Epati Amy	Manulele Elementary	SPED	Tauese Asofiafia	Siliaga Elementary	L1	Isaako Derek	NVTHS	Small Engine	
Taematua Solialofi	Masefau Elementary	ECE	Silao Rosa	Siliaga Elementary	L2	Fuimaono Maf'o'e	NVTHS	Auto-Mechanic	
Finauga Valasi	Masefau Elementary	L1	Taaala Liliuokalani	Siliaga Elementary	L6	Borja Ronald	NVTHS	Drafting	
			Aab Kiso	Siliaga Elementary	L8	Jagon Kenneth	NVTHS	Carpentry	



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*"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

Dr. Ernest Alaimalo passed away peacefully on October 26, 2017 at his home in Pearl City, HI, surrounded by a room filled with family and friends. Here in Tutuila, Ernest hails from the village of Auasi, Saole county. He is the son of the late Alaimalo Pepine H. and Foini M. Porter. He is an alumni of Marist Brothers education in Atu'u and Leone, and an advocate for Marist Old Boys functions and gatherings here and in Hawaii. He was a Psychiatrist and Supervisor at the Spark Matsunaga V.A. Medical Center, 3B2 Unit in Hawaii and has travelled to Am. Samoa to work at the local V.A. Medical Center over the past years. He is survived by wife, Dr. Mavis M. Alaimalo; sons, Saunders and Sylas Alaimalo and siblings, Alaimalo Jane Woo, Kenneth Porter, Dr. Jed Alaimalo, Derek Porter, Patrick Porter, Jerome Porter, and Ethlyn Porter-Martin and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



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# Florida State suspends Greek life following alcohol death

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State University indefinitely suspended its 55 fraternities and sororities Monday after the alcohol-related death of a freshman pledge and cocaine charges for another fraternity member.

University President John Thrasher didn't say how long the suspension will last.

"This pause is needed to review and reflect on the loss of a young life and to implement serious changes," Thrasher said. "For this suspension to end, there will need to be a new normal for Greek life on campus. They must participate in that culture." Florida State is at least the third university this year to suspend Greek life because of alcohol-related tragedies. After the February hazing death of 19-year old Timothy Piazza, Penn State suspended fraternities and sororities from holding social activities during the spring semester. Louisiana State had a one-month suspension and continues to ban alcohol at Greek parties after the hazing death of 18-year old Maxwell Gruver in September.

At Florida State, Andrew Coffey, a pledge at Pi Kappa Phi, died Friday after he was found unresponsive following a party. Police said there were indicators that alcohol may have been a factor, but authorities were waiting for the results of an autopsy before determining a cause of death. Tallahassee Police Chief Michael DeLeo said they are still investigating.

On Monday, 20-year-old Garrett John Marcy, a member of Phi Delta Theta, was charged with the sale and trafficking of cocaine. Marcy was arrested by Florida State University police and booked into Leon County jail, where his bail was set at \$75,000. "I just feel like for whatever reason, the message is not getting through," Thrasher said. "Unfortunately we've got to take steps with our students, to make sure this never happens again." Students were surprised about the announcement and were still trying to get information on how this affects their organizations going forward.

"I was very surprised that they are doing something about it. I think hazing is a problem and alcohol is the basis of a lot of their events," said Abygail Stiekman. Freshman Lila Pullo, who was supposed to be initiated into the Delta Gamma sorority, did not agree with the decision to suspend all Greek organizations. "For me and a lot of the people who are entering we're all pretty upset because we are trying to get the reputation back up," she said. "Most of the organizations getting in trouble are fraternities. If they did end Greek life the atmosphere on campus will go

down a lot." John Armstrong, who served as president of Florida State's Beta Theta Pi chapter in 1998, said he had mixed feelings about Monday's announcement.

"Unfortunately, there has been a rash of instances similar to this, so I can understand the reason for the response," Armstrong said. "I hope that it's a short-lived response."

Armstrong said there's more to fraternity life than just drinking and partying.

"It might be a good idea for people to take a step back and reflect on what values we truly want to portray in the Greek system," Armstrong said.

During the suspension, the only events Greek life members can conduct are meetings with the university or their national chapter.



In this photo taken Nov. 3, 2017, Florida State University's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house near the FSU campus in Tallahassee, Fla., is viewed. Florida State President John Thrasher announced during a news conference at FSU on Monday the suspension of all Greek life activities at the university following the death at a Pi Kappa Phi fraternity pledge. (Joe Rondone/Tallahassee Democrat via AP)



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# Relative: Pregnant woman, 3 children, in-laws slain in Texas

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — As usual, John Holcombe posted his Sunday school lesson online a day ahead. It was about an Old Testament miracle.

Holcombe was expecting a small miracle of his own. His wife, a widow and mother of five, was pregnant with their first child. But the following morning, his family would bear an unspeakable burden: nearly a third of the fatalities in Texas' worst mass shooting.

The massacre inside their church in the tiny Texas town of Sutherland Springs spared Holcombe's life, but not the lives of his wife, three of her children, his parents, a brother and a toddler niece.

They were among 26 people fatally shot during the shooting rampage Sunday that also killed several members of at least one other extended family, a couple

visiting for the first time, the pastor's teenage daughter and other church goers. Investigators said the victims ranged in age from 18 months old to 77 years old. Hundreds of shell casings and 15 magazines that hold 30 rounds were found at the church, authorities said.

Holcombe and his 36-year-old wife, Crystal, had recently married, said Julius Kepper, who lives about two blocks from the church.

"She was starting her life all over again," he told The Associated Press. "That's a crying shame."

Holcombe suffered shrapnel wounds and Crystal's youngest child, Evelyn, was grazed by bullets but both were discharged from the hospital on Monday, Crystal's aunt, Michele Hill, told the AP. Crystal's eldest child, Phillip, had stayed home from church that day, Hill said.

She added that Crystal was due in early April.

"They had actually just found out. They didn't think it was possible so this was just a miracle baby," Hill said.

Michael Ward rushed to the church after he was abruptly awoken by his wife, Leslie, when she heard a peal of gunfire from that direction as she set up a yard sale. Ward told The Dallas Morning News he found and carried out his 5-year-old nephew, Ryland, who had four gunshot wounds.

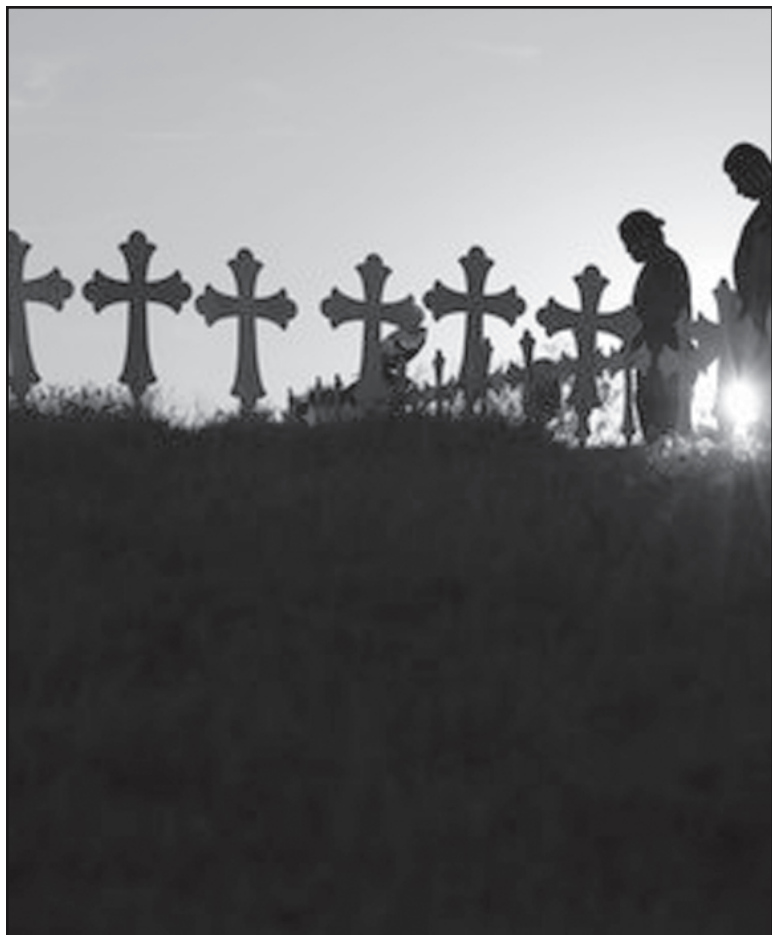
The boy was flown to University Hospital in nearby San Antonio, but the child's mother and two of his sisters were killed. On Monday, the yard sale was still set up, with clothes laid out or hung on plastic racks, along with kitchen items. No one was there. Another victim was the pastor's 14-year-old daughter, Annabelle Pomeroy. Her parents were both out of town during the shootings, which also wounded about 20 people. Another young victim was 16-year-old Hailey Krueger, the church and family members confirmed on social media.

Investigators said the gunman, Devin Patrick Kelley, had recently sent threatening texts to his mother-in-law, a member of the church, and the shooting appears to have been driven by domestic tensions.

Kelley was formally ousted from the Air Force for a 2012 assault on his ex-wife. He was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound Sunday after he was chased by two community members and crashed his vehicle.

Kelley's mother-in-law wasn't at the church Sunday. But his wife's grandmother, 71-year-old Lula Woicinski White, was attending the service and died in the shooting, according to family members. Her stated occupation on Facebook: doing whatever was needed at the church.

Karen and Scott Marshall had recently retired to Texas from Pennsylvania and were visiting the church for the first time when they were killed, Scott's father, Robert Marshall, told the Pittsburg Tribune-Review. He said Karen Marshall had returned to Texas after finishing an assignment at Maryland's Andrews Air Force Base, while her husband, an Air Force retiree, had been working as a civilian contractor and mechanic at Lackland Air Force Base, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) west of Sutherland Springs. Crystal Holcombe was an industrious mother who studied karate, loved to bake and raised goats. Images she posted last month showed her 11-year-old daughter Emily placing third in a county archery competition, while others showed her children standing behind cookies and cakes they'd made for a bake sale.



Kenneth and Irene Hernandez pay their respects as they visit a makeshift memorial with crosses placed near the scene of a shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in Sutherland Springs, Texas. A man opened fire inside the church in the small South Texas community on Sunday, killing and wounding many. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)



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Tears roll down the cheeks of a child while drinking water from a kettle, as Rohingya Muslims who have fled persecution in Myanmar wait along the border for permission to move further towards refugee camps near Palong Khali, Bangladesh, Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017. More than 600,000 Rohingya from northern Rakhine state have fled to Bangladesh since Aug. 25, when Myanmar security forces began a scorched-earth campaign against Rohingya villages. (AP Photo/Bernat Armangué)

# UN condemns violence in Myanmar forcing Rohingyas to flee

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a statement Monday strongly condemning the violence that has caused more than 600,000 Rohingya Muslims to flee from Myanmar to Bangladesh, a significant step that still fell short of a stronger resolution that Western nations wanted but China opposed.

The presidential statement calls on Myanmar's government "to ensure no further excessive use of military force in Rakhine State" and take immediate steps to respect human rights.

It expresses "grave concern" at reports of human rights violations in Rakhine by Myanmar's security forces against the Rohingya. These include "the systematic use of force and intimidation, killing of men, women and children, sexual violence and ... the destruction and burning of homes and property," it says. Britain initially circulated a Security Council resolution with similar language, backed by the U.S., France and other council members. But resolutions are legally binding and diplomats said China, a neighbor and ally of Myanmar, was strongly opposed. China is one of the five countries that have veto power on the council.

So Britain and France turned the resolution into a presidential statement, which becomes part of the council's record but does not have the legal clout of a resolution. Nonetheless, the statement still represents the strongest council pronouncement on Myanmar in nearly 10 years, and reflects widespread international concern at the plight of the Rohingya, who face official and social discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

French Ambassador Francois Delattre said the Security Council sent "a strong and unanimous message to end the ethnic cleansing that is taking place before our eyes in Myanmar and recreate the political momentum in this country." Britain's deputy U.N. ambassador, Jonathan Allen, called it "a first step" and said the council will judge Myanmar "on how they act."

Both Delattre and Allen decried the desperate humanitarian situation for the Rohingya, with the French ambassador calling it "one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time."

The council statement "expresses alarm at the significantly and rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in Rakhine state" and demands that the government grant "immediate, safe and unhindered access to United Nations agencies and their partners" and other aid organizations.

On Oct. 27, the U.N. World Food Program said it had gotten a "green light" to resume full operations in northern Rakhine State and was working out the details. But the agency's executive director, David Beasley, said in an interview late Monday with The Associated Press that "we're in the infant stages of negotiating working with the government of Myanmar to re-enter strategically where we need to be to help innocent people."

"We're hopeful the Myanmar government will give us the access we need," said Beasley, who recently visited Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. "That situation is catastrophic. ... I've never seen anything like it."

Myanmar's government doesn't recognize the Rohingya as an ethnic group, insisting they are Bengali migrants from Bangladesh living illegally in the country. It has denied them citizenship. The latest violence began with a series of attacks Aug. 25 by Rohingya insurgents, which the presidential statement also condemns. Myanmar security forces responded with a scorched-earth campaign against Rohingya villages in northern Rakhine that the United Nations and human rights groups have criticized as disproportionate and a campaign of ethnic cleansing.

The statement adopted Monday calls on Myanmar's government to protect human rights, "without discrimination and regardless of ethnicity or religion, including by allowing freedom of movement, equal access to basic services and equal access to full citizenship for all individuals."

It urges the government to work with Bangladesh and the U.N. "to allow the voluntary return of all refugees in conditions of safety and dignity to their homes in Myanmar."

It also stresses the importance of holding those responsible for human rights violations accountable.

Myanmar's ambassador, Hau Do Suan, expressed deep concern at the statement, saying it was "based on accusations and falsely claimed evidence."

"It exerts undue political pressure on Myanmar," Suan said. "It fails to give sufficient recognition to the government of Myanmar for its efforts to address the challenges in Rakhine State."

By contrast, Bangladeshi Ambassador Masud Bin Momen thanked the council for the statement, saying: "It will be quite reassuring for the Rohingyas and other communities forcibly displaced from northern Rakhine State since Aug. 25 that the council remains engaged with their prolonged suffering."



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A law enforcement official investigates the scene of a shooting at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in Sutherland Springs, Texas. A man opened fire inside the church in the small South Texas community on Sunday, killing and wounding many.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)



# IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)



## 2 men in a truck chase down Texas church shooter: 'Let's go'

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — A former National Rifle Association instructor who grabbed his rifle and ran barefoot across the street to open fire on the gunman who slaughtered 26 people at a small-town Texas church was hailed as a hero Monday, along with the pickup truck driver who helped chase the killer down.

Stephen Willeford, 55, said he was at his Sutherland Springs home Sunday when his daughter alerted him that she'd heard gunfire at the First Baptist Church nearby. Willeford said he immediately retrieved his rifle from his weapon safe.

"I kept hearing the shots, one after another, very rapid shots — just 'Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop!' — and I knew every one of those shots represented someone, that it was aimed at someone, that they weren't just random shots," Willeford said Monday during an interview with television stations KHBS/KHOG in Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Willeford said he loaded his magazine and ran barefoot across the street to the church where he saw gunman Devin Patrick Kelley, 26, and exchanged gunfire.

"He saw me and I saw him," Willeford said. "I was standing behind a pickup truck for cover. I know I hit him. He got into his vehicle, and he fired another couple rounds through his side window. When the window dropped, I fired another round at him again."

As Kelley sped away, Willeford said he ran to a pickup truck stopped at an intersection and told the driver, "That guy just shot up the Baptist church. We need to stop him."

The driver, Johnnie Langendorff, said he had been driving to Sutherland Springs on Sunday to pick up his girlfriend when a man who'd been exchanging gunfire with Kelley suddenly landed inside his truck.

"He jumped in my truck and said, 'He just shot up the church, we need to go get him.' And I said, 'Let's go,'" Langendorff, a 27-year-old Seguin resident, told The Associated Press on Monday, adding that the ensuing pursuit eventually clocked speeds upwards of 90 mph.

Willeford said he and Langendorff kept a 911 operator advised as the high-speed pursuit continued. He said Kelley ultimately hit a road sign and flipped his vehicle into a roadside ditch.

Willeford said he then exited Langendorff's pickup, perched his rifle on the rooftop and trained it on Kelley's vehicle. He then yelled: "Get out of the truck! Get out of the truck!" But Kelley did not move.

Langendorff said police arrived about five minutes later. Based on evidence at the scene, investigators believe Kelley died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"There was no thinking about it," Langendorff said. "There was just doing. That was the key to

all this. Act now. Ask questions later."

Asked if he felt like a hero, Langendorff said: "I don't really know how I feel. I just hope that the families and people affected by this can sleep easier knowing that this man is not breathing anymore and not able to hurt anyone else. I feel I just did what was right."

Though he did not identify Willeford by name, Texas Department of Public Safety Regional Director Freeman Martin said at a news conference Monday that the armed resident who confronted Kelley was toting an "AR assault rifle and engaged" the shooter.

Martin later praised Willeford and Langendorff: "The number one goal of law enforcement is to neutralize the shooter. In this situation, we had two good Samaritans who did that for law enforcement."

Julius Kepper, Willeford's next-door neighbor for the past seven years, described Willeford as a gun and motorcycle enthusiast who regularly takes target practice at property out in the country, and has as many as five Harley Davidson motorcycles.

"Avid gun collector, a good guy," Kepper said. Kepper and other neighbors said Willeford's family has been in the Sutherland Springs area for at least three generations, including a father and grandfather who were in dairy farming. Stephen Willeford is married with two grown children and works as a plumber who installs lines on major projects such as hospitals, Kepper said.

He called Willeford a "free spirit" sort who loves motorcycles despite losing both parents to a motorcycle crash when he was a young adult. "It was almost the same spot where they ran (the shooter) off the road," Kepper said.

Kepper said he's not surprised Willeford would exchange gunfire with the church gunman. Others in the neighborhood would have done the same if they knew what was happening, he said.

"Just like everybody else around here. He was just the first one there," Kepper said.

Republican Sen. Ted Cruz on Monday praised Willeford's actions, after talking to law enforcement officials and visiting the church in Sutherland Springs. He lauded the "ordinary citizen" who engaged the gunman.

"One individual demonstrated bravery and courage. We need to be celebrating that bravery and courage," Cruz said.

Still, Willeford proved a reluctant hero.

"I didn't want this and I want the focus to be on my friends," Willeford told The Dallas Morning News for a story published Monday that also confirmed he was the first person to confront Kelley. "I have friends in that church. I was terrified while this was going on."

No one answered the door at the Willeford residence Monday. Food that had been delivered to the house was stacked up on the front porch.





In this photo taken July 7, 2014, people sunbathe at Papakolea green sand beach near Ocean View, Hawaii. Online auction and sales company eBay has removed multiple listings of sand said to be taken from Hawaii beaches. The Hawaii Tribune-Herald reported Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, that it asked the company about the listings before they were taken down. Among them was a listing claiming to have sand from Papakolea Beach, also known as Green Sands Beach.

(AP Photo/Marco Garcia)

# 1.25 million face starvation in war-torn South Sudan

JUBA, South Sudan (AP) — In war-torn South Sudan 1.25 million people are facing starvation, double the number from the same time last year, according to a report by the United Nations and the government released Monday.

This country could once again plunge into famine in 2018, warn humanitarian groups and the government.

“The widespread and extreme food consumption gaps ... should make us all extremely concerned about the worst case scenario of famine in many locations across South Sudan in 2018,” said Katie Rickard, country coordinator for REACH, a humanitarian research initiative that provided data for the report.

Humanitarian organizations blame the worsening situation on South Sudan’s continuing conflict, which is nearing its fifth year and has killed more than 50,000 people.

In February, the world’s youngest nation declared famine in two counties in Unity State, the world’s first formal famine declaration since Somalia in 2011. In South Sudan’s two counties, 100,000 people were on the brink of starvation but thanks to early detection and a rapid response catastrophe was avoided, said the World Food Program.

However, the latest food and security analysis update by the U.N and South Sudan’s National Bureau of Statistics is grim.

As of September, 6 million people — 56 percent of the population — were experiencing severe hunger with 25,000 South Sudanese in humanitarian catastrophe in Ayod and Greater Baggari counties.

South Sudan’s widening war has made food production impossible and delivery of aid dangerous and difficult. Both Ayod and Baggari are rebel-held areas and locals say the situation in the two counties is dire.

“We ran out because of the hunger,” said a resident of Baggari who recently fled with his family to the nearby town of Wau because they didn’t have any food. He spoke on condition of anonymity for his safety. The 52-year-old father of four told AP by phone that people are “dying of hunger” and in the last year and a half he only saw humanitarians enter Baggari town three times.

“If the government doesn’t approve of people coming in to help what can we do? We have nothing, we can just pray,” he said.

The government says there’s no policy of “discrimination”

and it is committed to helping “all South Sudanese,” said Isaiah Chol Aruai, chairman of the National Bureau of Statistics.

Rights groups are calling on all parties of the conflict to provide immediate and unfettered access to humanitarian agencies. “Both government and opposition forces have used food as a weapon of war, ranging from restrictions to civilian access to food, actively preventing food from reaching certain areas, systematically looting food and markets and homes and even targeting civilians carrying small amounts of food across front lines,” said Alicia Luedke, South Sudan researcher for Amnesty International.

On her first visit to the country in October, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley raised concerns about humanitarian access during a meeting with South Sudan’s president, Salva Kiir, according to a statement by his office. Kiir told her that together with the United Nations, they’ve been able to establish “mechanisms to improve access,” but acknowledged that more needs to be done.

As South Sudan enters the dry season, locals and aid workers are expecting the situation to get worse.

Communities are becoming more desperate to feed their families and people have started using “extreme coping strategies,” including going into sparsely inhabited forests, swamps and grassland to hunt “increasingly unhealthy wild plants” as food, says a report by REACH.

“South Sudan is a catastrophe,” David Beasley, executive director of the U.N. World Food Program, said in an interview late Monday with The Associated Press. “It’s all man-made, greed, corruption, a lack of good governance.”

He said the agency had averted famine in South Sudan but “the number of severely hungry people has gone up substantially.”

“And because of the protracted conflict, with the rain season and all the other complications, I think the door’s knocking again for famine,” Beasley said.

“2018 will be critical,” said Serge Tissot from the U.N’s Food and Agricultural Organization. He said the only way to avoid further deterioration in the short term is “peace.”

The current food crisis is a result of the country’s “man-made conflict,” said U.N representative in South Sudan, David Shearer.

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# Must-do bills in a divided Congress could lead to shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — An early December government shutdown is a real possibility, since a divided Congress can't agree on military spending, Democrats insist on help for young immigrants and President Donald Trump's position can change with each lawmaker he talks to. Most of Washington is focused on overhauling the nation's tax code, but lawmakers face a combustible mix of must-do and could-do items, with the current government spending bill set to expire Dec. 8. On the list are immigration and a U.S.-Mexico border wall; an impasse over children's health care; pent-up demand for budget increases for the Pentagon and domestic agencies; and tens of billions of dollars in hurricane aid. There's plenty at stake for Republicans controlling Washington. Politically, there's an urgency to avoid a debilitating shutdown just as the GOP hopes to wrap up an overhaul of the tax code that's its top priority. And legions of GOP defense hawks are adamant that the Pentagon receive a huge 2018 budget hike approaching \$80-90 billion. Trump and many followers want the U.S.-Mexico wall.

shutdown, but many Democrats say they won't be able to support any measure that doesn't include help for so-called "Dreamer" immigrants facing deportation. That increases the odds of a shutdown.

Congressional leaders are conducting secret talks on raising the spending levels and say they are optimistic of a deal. But there's no sign of one yet. A possible agreement could add perhaps \$100 billion to the budget for the current year alone, which is sure to cause sticker shock among the GOP's fiscal conservatives. Trump's demands for the border wall — a nonstarter with Democrats — could spark a shutdown battle.

Then there's aid to areas devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The White House promises to submit a request later this month for "several tens of billions of dollars" aimed mostly at helping Texas and Florida. That's likely to bring the total appropriated since September for hurricane relief to more than \$100 billion, which is likely to rankle deficit hawks.

#### IMMIGRATION

Trump announced in September that he is ending temporary deportation protections granted by the Obama administration to young immigrants known as "Dreamers" who were illegally brought into the U.S. and often have known no other home. But he gave Congress until March to come up with a fix and promised top Democratic leaders he would sign legislation protecting them, so long as he wins billions for border security. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Senate Democrats, such as California Sen. Kamala Harris, are demanding the immigration issue be addressed as soon as possible and won't vote for any spending bill that fails to include a solution. That could doom the spending bill as Republicans need Democratic votes to pass the measure. Top Democrats such as Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York are keeping their powder dry in hopes that negotiations, which presently appear stalled, pick up steam.

#### CHILDREN'S HEALTH

The reauthorization of an expired children's health program is becoming more urgent as the lapse in the program will mean a cutoff in services in Arizona, California, Minnesota, Ohio and other states by late December or January.

Meanwhile, the tax debate is taking up energy, time and political capital, and GOP leaders seem reluctant to issue controversial decisions that might harm its chances.

Here's a rundown of non-tax issues facing Congress and Trump:

#### SPENDING

Ideally, top leaders in both parties would like to agree on new spending levels and pass a catchall bill by the Dec. 8 deadline. That's looking increasingly unlikely. Another temporary funding bill would be needed to avert a government

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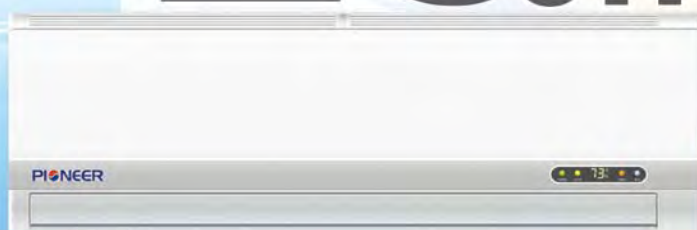
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